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CHINA'S COMING LEADER?

TANG SENG-CHI HAS WIDE CONTROL.

ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT FAILS ON YANGTZE.

ANOTHER HANKOW CRISIS.

There is accumulating evidence, that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is faced with a serious reverse in the north. The forces of General Tang Seng-chi have come into contact with the Kuominchun troops, but as negotiations are proceeding, there is said to be some doubt as to whether any fighting will occur.

News from the Yangtze suggests a gradual improvement in conditions generally, so far as shipping is concerned. From Ichang it is reported that the loading of British steamers is proceeding smoothly, evidence that the proposed "boycott" has failed to materialise.

The continued depreciation of the notes issued by the Central Bank of China has further affected the adverse conditions in Hankow, where food supplies are held up owing to the farmers demanding cash payment for their produce.

At Wuhu, all is not well in industrial circles. The Wuhan party have formed a labour union in opposition to the one at Wuhu, and friction has arisen in consequence.

It is reported from Nanking that the conference has appointed a committee to look after military affairs, consisting of no fewer than 67 members, to have complete control of the Nationalist army and navy.

MILITARY COUNCIL'S POWERS.

Peking, Sept. 19.

As a result of General Chin Yun-ao's defeat and withdrawal from the railway, the forces of the Kuominchun and of General Tang Seng-chi have come into direct contact, but it is not certain whether they will clash.

Chin Yun-ao is reported to be moving northward from Chow-kinkow, to Lanfeng, while the Chihli-Shantung allies are advancing thither from the northeast, and have reached Kaocheng.

The capture of Lanfeng would cut off all the Kuominchun forces in the vicinity of Kweichow, hence the troops of Feng Yu-hsiang are reported to be preparing to withdraw from eastern Honan.

Chang Tsung-chang is reported to have sent twelve aeroplanes from Tainan to participate against Marshal Feng.

The leaders at Nanking are making great efforts to win Tang Seng-chi over to their side, but he is striking out on a line of his own and now controls Hunan and Kiangsi. He is negotiating with Chin Yun-ao, and the Feng-tien party, as well as with Nanking, hence he is becoming one of the most important figures on the Chinese military stage.—*Reuter.*

ICHANG IMPROVEMENT.

Failure of "Boycott."

Ichang, Sept. 19. The better conditions prevailing at this port are indicated by the fact that the loading of British steamers is now proceeding smoothly—a fact which seems to indicate the cessation of the "boycott."—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW FOOD SUPPLIES.

Depreciated Currency, a Problem.

Hankow, Sept. 19. Owing to the continued depreciation of the bank notes of the Central Bank, difficulties have arisen regarding the food supplies, farmers demanding payment in cash.—*Naval Wireless.*

RIVAL UNIONS.

Two Wuhu Organisations.

Wuhu, Sept. 19. There is friction here in labour ranks owing to the fact that the Wuhan party have formed an opposition Labour Union to the local Union.

The Senior Naval Officer has had a friendly meeting with the new Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.—*Naval Wireless.*

NANKING APPOINTMENTS.

Military Council's Power.

Shanghai, Sept. 20.

With reference to yesterday's report of the appointment of Kuomintang officials at the Nanking conference, it is learned that the Political Council totals 47 members, with a standing committee of five.

The Military Council has 67 members, with a presidium of 14. The Military Council exercises absolute authority over the army and navy.—*Reuter.*

FINANCIAL REFORM.

What Nanking Expects.

Shanghai, Sept. 20.

Interviewed, Mr. Sun Fo, the new Nationalist Finance Minister, told a press representative that the Governments in Nanking and Hankow had been spending thirty millions a month as government and military expenditure. Since the Governments have now been amalgamated, the new Finance Minister expects to cut down fifty per cent. of the expenditure, thus the monthly cost of the new administration in Nanking will be something like fifteen millions.

Mr. Chai Yuan-pei, the new President of the National Educational Board, which controls educational affairs throughout the country, has just issued a statement through the press announcing his plans to improve the educational system in the country.

The Hankow party suggests that Mr. H. H. Kung, brother-in-law to the late Dr. Sun and Mr. T. V. Soong, be given again the office of Minister of Industries, which he held in Canton for some time.

The Special Kuomintang Committee has decided to meet once every week, and the third of the commissioners will be able to form a quorum. Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Chai Yuan-pei and Tse Chi are elected as standing commissioners of the Committee, and Mr. Yeh Cho-chang is appointed the chief secretary.

Mrs. Liao Chung-lai has tendered her resignation to the Special Kuomintang Committee, stating that she is shortly leaving for Japan.

The new Nationalist Government in Nanking will issue a manifesto outlining its policy.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

HANKOW AFFAIRS.

RUMOURS CAUSE RUN ON PAWNSHOPS.

RICKSHA STRIKE THREAT.

Hankow, Sept. 10.

There was little change in the situation yesterday, except that the purchasing value of treasury notes fell still further. Shopkeepers accepted them only with the greatest reluctance. A large number of Hunan and Honan Central China bank notes were reported as having appeared on this market, and endeavours to change them into smaller currency were made. The exchange at which some changed hands was one dollar per \$5.00 Hunan or Honan note, as against four paper dollars per one Hankow \$5.00 bill.

The markets were fairly lively as they usually are the day before this festival, but on this occasion the liveliness was mainly occasioned by the fact that business was being done in a paper currency which allowed full scope for the bargaining propensities of both buyers and sellers.

The Silver Question.

What promised to blossom into serious trouble was averted yesterday by the licensing authorities in connexion with the payment in silver for ricksha licenses. For many months now it has been impossible for the ricksha proprietors to even make a living, and none of them have been able to make a profit at all. All the large honghs have had to see their property depreciate without being able to either effect repairs or replace breakages. This has been obvious to all who use the rickshas. They are easily the worst of any town in China where a foreign service is run.

The demand that licenses be paid for in silver proved the last straw. Owners simply notified the department concerned that they could not pay in this currency as all they were paid in was paper notes, not even coppers, and they had no means of purchasing dollars unless they received for their hire some form of metal currency. For a time the municipal council remained obdurate, and it is reported that the owners then decided to cease hiring out rickshas and Hankow faced the prospect of walking instead of riding.

Ultimately this threat had its effect and it was stated that the council agreed as a special case to accept the payment for ricksha license in Central China bank notes for the time being. The acceptance, however, it is alleged was accompanied by the threat that in the event of the owners attempting to take their vehicles off the streets, the Government would forthwith confiscate them.

Pawn Shop Hoax.

A good deal of excitement was created in the native city through some mischievous persons whom the Government are reported to regard as communists, spreading the rumour yesterday that the pawn shops had put out a notice to the effect that after the festival to-day, all pledges have to be redeemed in silver. As it always is the case people by the thousands have been pawning their goods and their clothing in order to enable them to tide over the festival settlements, and in depositing their pledges they have received in exchange paper currency with interest fixed in this medium.

As soon as the rumour gained ground the pawn shops were besieged by thousands of people anxious to retrieve their possessions with paper before it was too late. The fact that the whole thing appeared to be simultaneous certainly indicates that the Government have good grounds for their suspicions. The night before had been all peace and quietness at the various pawn shops with the people pledging their goods without the slightest sign of uneasiness. Yesterday morning, as though on a signal every pawn shop was the scene of the wildest disorder, with people in thousands demanding back their pledges and tendering paper currency. So great was the rush that the services of both the military and police forces had all they could do to cope with it.

Finally shortly after noon the pawn shop proprietors were able to make themselves heard and as-

BETTER SHEDS FOR REPULSE BAY.

WOODEN HUTMENT SCHEME SUGGESTED.

GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

With regard to the problem of re-building the matchsheds at Repulse Bay, which were destroyed by fire recently, and in connexion with the suggestion that more permanent type of structure be erected, we are in a position to announce that the Hongkong Excavation and Drilling and Construction Company has presented a scheme to the Government for the building of semi-permanent structures.

The proposal to the Government, which has been provisionally approved and accepted, is to construct wooden hutments, 16 ft. frontage by 20 ft. in depth, containing a 10 ft. verandah and two dressing rooms. The hutments would be anchored in concrete, and the whole hut would be constructed according to the approval of the Public Works Department.

Site-Holders Approached.

The Company has, we learn, circularised all site-holders affected, stating that if a minimum of 25 applicants agree to the scheme, it is prepared to erect the huts at a cost of \$750 each.

It is pointed out that the huts will last with very little upkeep, for five or six years, and that as compared with the yearly cost of repairs and renewals to matchsheds they are a cheap proposition. There are many other advantages, not the least being the improved appearance of the beach, as it proposed to paint the huts a pleasing green. The Company has had lots of experience in hut building, as it built the Shamshipo Camp.

Up to the present, 19 of the site-holders have agreed to the scheme, and the circular letters have only just been sent out, it is confidently expected that at least the necessary 25 will support the suggestion.

IRISH ELECTION RETURNS.

GOVERNMENT HAS SMALL MAJORITY.

London, Sept. 19.

According to the results of the Irish Free State election, so far declared, the Government party has a lead of three over Mr. De Valera's party, and the combined Government groups are three ahead of the opposition groups. The position is as follows:

Government 52.
Independent 10.
Farmers 4.
Total Government group, 66.
De Valera's party 49.
Labour 11.
National League 2.
Communist 1.
Total opposition group, 63.
The number of members still to be elected is 23.—*British Wireless.*

sure the people that the whole thing was a hoax, and that none of the pawn shops had ever contemplated such notice. There is little question but that the trick was the work of subversive elements determined to make trouble in this centre if possible, and a large number of agents must have been at work to have affected this entire area in so short a time. The police, however, assisted by the military kept matters well in hand, and it is reported that the detective department is now searching for the originators of the rumour.

The Cost Of Moving.

Moving in China is apparently expensive. We who have had to move house recently, have fully realised this fact, but we are fortunate that we do not have to pay for the removal of a Government. Whatever the union rates for moving are, they are certainly higher than any other part of the world can show, for we are informed on reliable authority that the costs of moving this Government from here to Nanking have totalled no less than \$500,000. This amount of money it is reported, has been found by the Chamber of Commerce and paid over to the authorities concerned with the moving. The Chamber hopes to get money back by subscriptions from among the different native banks and merchants.

ROAD BLOCKED.

LORRY BREAKDOWN SEQUEL.

LIST OF TRAFFIC CASES.

Owing to the breakdown of a lorry at the junction of Bonham Road and Pokfulum Road, a traffic jam was momentarily caused on the afternoon of the 9th instant. The situation was aggravated by the act of a second lorry driver, who parked his car on the other side of the road while he crossed over to assist the first driver. A private car turning into the junction from Pokfulum Road at this moment was unable, it was claimed, to stop in time, with the consequence that it crashed into the first lorry after skidding on the wet surface of the roadway.

The affair resulted in the drivers of all three vehicles being summoned before Major C. Willson this morning.

The two lorry drivers were charged with obstruction, while Mr. F. Borteele, who was driving the car of a friend, Mr. C. Arnulphy, which was involved in the accident, was summoned for disobeying the pointsman's "stop" signal.

It having been clearly established that the driver of the lorry No. 104, which sustained the breakdown, was not committing any offence, he was discharged, and the Court proceeded to examine how far the other lorry driver and Mr. Borteele were to be blamed for the accident.

His Worship's view was that if this lorry driver had to assist his companion, he could very well have parked his vehicle at a more suitable spot instead of bringing it into alignment with the other lorry and thereby completely blocking up the roadway. A fine of \$5 was imposed on this defendant.

Pointsman's Evidence.

As for Mr. Borteele's case, evidence was heard from the Indian pointsman to the effect that he did not for a moment desert his post in order to look more closely at the lorry which broke down, or to talk with either of the drivers. Witness said he could have shouted out his orders from where he was stationed.

Witness attributed the cause of the ensuing accident to Mr. Borteele's not sounding his horn when he drove into the junction from Pokfulum Road. When witness did see the approaching car, he put up his hands, but the defendant was unheeding, and headed straight for one of the lorries.

Mr. Borteele said that he could see no pointsman, for the simple reason that he was not at his post when his presence was needed at the critical moment. Believing that all was clear, witness proceeded, and even when he did notice the lorry which broke down, he could still avoid an accident by passing to the other side of it. Unfortunately he was not to know that there was also another lorry parked on the other side of the roadway until too late. He endeavoured to stop by applying his brakes. The car skidded on the wet surface of the roadway and collided with the first lorry.

Mr. Arnulphy corroborated his friend's statements. He stated that Bonham Road, with the two lorries parked alongside of each other, was to all intents and purposes a closed roadway. The pointsman was nowhere to be seen at the critical moment, and when he did appear, he was in an excited state. Mr. Arnulphy said that he had had two years' experience of motoring on these roads, and was perfectly acquainted with the turning.

His Worship decided to convict, and imposed a fine of \$10.

Through Flower Street.

Mr. D. Thompson was fined \$6 for driving his motor-cycle without a license.

Another European, when summoned for driving through Flower Street, which is closed to traffic, said he did not know that this was so, as he was a new-comer to the Colony. He was fined \$7.

A Chinese owner-driver who failed to renew his car license pleaded that he was away from the Colony at the date of renewal, but in any case he had applied for a renewal before he received the summons. He was fined \$7.

A Chinese driver of a seven-seater lorry car was fined \$10 for overloading his vehicle with ten passengers.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN PARIS.

FORMAL INAUGURATION OF CONVENTION.

THROUGH ARC DE TRIOMPHE.

Paris, Sept. 19.

President Doumergue inaugurated the American Convention at the Trocadero, in the presence of Marshal Foch and Generals Perahing and Savage, as well as leading military and civil authorities.

Speeches were made by the Minister of Pensions and the United States Charge d'Affaires, and messages were read from President Coolidge and M. Herriot, the former urging the development of cordial Franco-American relations. The Marcellaise and Starspangled Banner were sung.

A demonstrator in the gallery shouted "Sacco Vanzetti" prior to the Minister of Pensions' speech, and was promptly ejected, and subsequently arrested, when he was identified as Lecoq, the secretary of the Paris Sacco-Vanzetti defence committee.

The Legionaries' welcome to Paris continues most enthusiastic. The city is literally covered with flags, and the newspapers devote practically their whole space to the doings of the Legion.

A March of Triumph.

A colourful pageant was presented by the American Legionaries in a parade in the afternoon, with their uniforms of all descriptions, flags and bands.

The procession was headed by the Garde Republicaine playing the famous Sambre et Meuse march, followed by a detachment of infantry and the colours of the Allies, surrounded by the colours of the French ex-soldiers' associations. Then came the Legionaries, some in khaki, others in white, scarlet, and orange uniforms or in cowboy dress.

There was a moving moment at the Arc de Triomphe when the iron chains placed round the arch after the Prussians marched through in 1871, which had been removed only once since, for the victory march of 1919, were again removed to allow the Legionaries to pass.

General Savage and Marshal Foch stood with bowed heads beneath the Arc de Triomphe while the Legionaries marched through, each Legionary laying a red, white or blue flower on the Unknown Warrior's grave, which was covered with tricolour blossoms.—*Reuter.*

Home Again.

Paris, Sept. 19.

M. Poincare, speaking at a banquet given to the American Legion by the French Government, welcomed members of the Legion, who, he said, had valiantly contributed to free France from the invader and whose gallantry remains engraved in French hearts. He recalled the violation of Belgian neutrality and Germany's successive defiance of the United States, where suspicious agents provoked strikes and lighted fires, and the misuse of the submarine war, thus inducing Americans considering the Allies as supporters of an equitable cause and to fight by their side for the salvation of free peoples.

M. Poincare invited Americans and Frenchmen to co-operate to provide humanity with a universal and permanent peace.

Mr. Savage, commander of the Legion, replying, said members of the Legion were happy to be home again with the French, and emphasized the indissoluble friendship of France and the United States.—*Havas.*

GERMAN ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.

Berlin, Sept. 19.

A meeting of the Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft has sanctioned an increase in the company's capital by 30,000,000 marks, to 186,250,000.

Herr Deutsch, the chairman, said that the company at present had 65,000 employees, and had orders exceeding last year's by 70 per cent.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Waver, an owner-driver, was fined \$3 for failing to keep as closely as possible to the left side of the roadway in taking a corner.

A CRIME WAVE.

INCREASE SHOWN IN SHANGHAI.

ARMED HIGHWAYMEN.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the Secretary of the Chinese Bureau of Health at Shanghai drew a sum of \$3,000 in cash from a native bank in the Settlement, with the intention of using the money to pay the Health Bureau's staff.

The money was placed in a small black bag and as the secretary was attempting to enter his motor car at the corner of Nanking Road and Shanghai Road, two men armed with pistols approached him and placing the barrels against the man's side forced him to enter the car with them, at the same time ordering the chauffeur to drive on. A Sikh policeman on duty about 15 yards away failed to notice anything untoward, the robbers concealing their weapons in their long sleeves.

The chauffeur was ordered to drive up Nanking Road, Thibet Road, Avenue Edward VII and Avenue Foch. At the corner of Hardoon Road, the driver was ordered to stop and the robbers alighted. They then informed the driver that unless he drove on he would be shot. The secretary returned to the City and reported the matter to the police. The chauffeur was interrogated and after some persuasion, he admitted that he was in league with the robbers and gave information as to their whereabouts. So far no arrests have been effected but the municipal police are co-operating with the City authorities, says the latest report.

Growth of Crime.

Commenting on the incidence of crime, the *Shanghai Times* of last Thursday states:

"During the twenty-four hours ending at 7.30 p.m. yesterday four armed robberies were successfully committed—some of them in broad daylight—and one murder within the International Settlement according to Police records. Of the armed robberies, one was committed in the Louza Police District, one in the Sinza District, one in Central District, and one in the Hongkew District. The murder, the victim a Chinese carpenter, was committed in the Yangtze-poo District. Those who feel that the crime wave in Shanghai has been checked may do well to consider these figures. The crime wave has not been checked, and in spite of the fact that most of the victims of armed robbers are Chinese and do not directly affect foreigners or their interests, no less emphasis should be placed upon them. Whenever a crime is committed in the Settlement, the respect for law is weakened.

A glance back may show how the crime wave has grown. In 1925 there were 34 murders in the International Settlement. In 1926 there were 43. In 1927 in five months alone there have been 55, those months being from February to June inclusive, figures for January being for the moment unavailable. Thus in five months the records of two years have been passed. This does not look as if crime of a serious nature is under control in the International Settlement. It is not enough just to express the pious hope that something may be done about it, nor is it enough to excuse this on the grounds that the Settlement is filled with desperate characters because the Provisional Court will not expel criminals from the Settlement."

CONSPIRATORS IN BENGAL.

YOUTHS GET HEAVY SENTENCES.

Calcutta, Sept. 19.

Two Bengali youths, G. C. Das and S. C. Dhang, who were arrested on August 9 after the discovery of arms and ammunition and procured documents in a house in the suburb of Calcutta, have been sentenced by the Special Tribunal to seven years' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition and criminal conspiracy.—*Reuter.*



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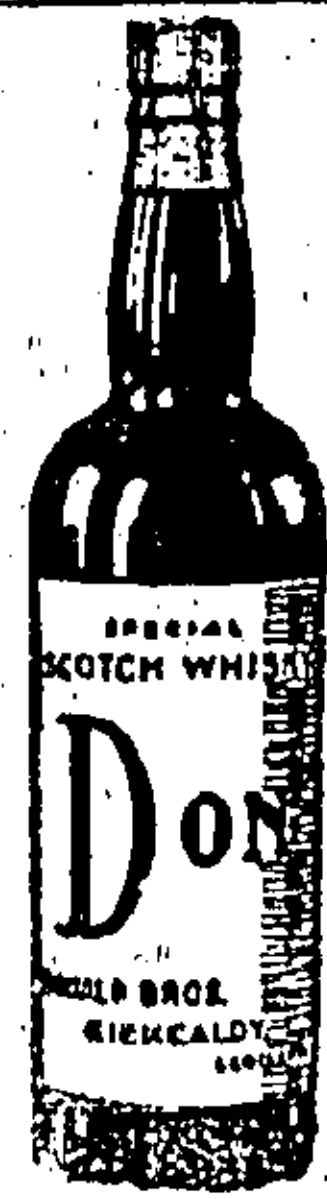
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WANCHAI FIRE.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF GARAGE WORKMAN.

The Coroner's enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of a garage hand at Wanchai on August 27, which was previously adjourned for the attendance of an absent witness, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

After reviewing the evidence, which showed that the deceased was burnt to death following a gasoline explosion and fire in the garage where he was employed at Tai Wo Street, the Coroner (Major C. Willson) said that he could not direct the jury on the question of criminal negligence such as to justify the finding of a charge of manslaughter. There were two theories put forward as to the cause of the explosion. The first was that a lighted cigarette might have come into contact with the petrol, and the second was that a short circuit from electric wires might have occurred and ignited the oil. The deceased was found by firemen in the cockpit after the fire, and his worship was of the view that he was endeavouring to save his belongings.

The jury retired to consider their verdict, and, half-an-hour later, returned to the Court with the following finding: "We find that Pang Yuet, the deceased, met his death accidentally, caused by the charging of a battery from an accumulator."

As a rider, the jury recommended the provision of more fire-extinguishers in the garage, coupled with a better understanding of their use by those concerned.

EXCESSIVE SPEED.

MAGISTRATE POSTPONES HIS DECISION.

A very interesting point cropped up at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon in a traffic case, in which Mr. W. A. Lassin was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with driving a motor car along Nathan Road, on the afternoon of August 31, in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue appeared for the defence, and after the prosecution had proved that the defendant was travelling at about 60 miles per hour along Nathan Road, he submitted that the defendant had full control of the car and was therefore not driving to the danger of the public. He admitted that the car was doing 60 miles an hour.

Sir J. Gibson Craig, who was a passenger, said that the car was capable of being pulled up within 30 feet.

Mr. O'Donoghue pointed out to his Worship that unless the defendant was travelling to the danger of the public no conviction would be registered and as the defendant had full control of his machine there was no danger.

His Worship said that he would give judgment on Thursday morning.

IRISH ELECTIONS.

FORTY-NINE EACH.

London, Sept. 19. When counting was resumed in the Free State elections this morning the position of the parties was: Government and Republican 49 seats each; Labour 11; Independents 10; Farmers 4; National League, 2; Workers League 1, leaving twenty-six seats to be filled. Neither of the main parties has yet won a seat from the other, but both increased their polls at the expense of smaller groups. Labour has lost one third of its membership.—*Reuter.*

THE NATIONALISTS.

NANKING GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

Shanghai, Sept. 19. It is announced that the new Nanking Nationalist Government assumes office to-morrow. The Government will be controlled by a commission of five—Hu Han-min, Wang Ching-wei, Tsai Yuan-pai, Tan Yen-kai and Li Lieh-chun, while seven ministries and two councils, education and military, will carry out the executive duties of the Government.

The following portfolios have been allotted: Foreign Affairs, Wu Chao-chu; Finance, Sun Fo; Justice, Wang Chung-hui; Communications, Wang Pei-chun; Education, Tsai Yuan-pai.—*Reuter.*

New Officials.

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

The following appointments of Nationalist Government and military authorities have been made by the Special Kuomintang Committee, which has been in session in Nanking for three days and is functioning as the highest executive organ of the Kuomintang.

Commissioners of the National Political Council—Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min, Chai Yuan-pai, C. C. Wu, Tai Chi-tai, Li Chai-sum, Chiang Kai-shek, Chang Ching-kiang, Chiang Tso-ping, Li Chung-jen, (Admiral) Yang Shu-chang, Yen Shi-shan, Wang Pei-chun, Kuo Ying-fan, Li Lieh-chun, Feng Yu-hsiang, Wang Chung-hui, Tan Yen-kai, Yu Yuen, Hsu Sung-chi (formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Army), Sun Fo, T. V. Soong, Chu Pei-teh, Ho Ying-ching, Niu Yung-chen, Pei Chung-hsi, Hsueh Keh-wu, Tse Chi, Chang Chi, Chu Ching, Tan Chan, Chau Lu, Tian Tung, Tang Chak-yu, Wang Fa-ching, Kung Kang, Chang Hang-yi, Chen Tiu-yuan, Feng Chung-shu, Ting Wei-fan, Liu Shu-chung and Chau Chin-lin.

Of these forty-five commissioners, the following five are appointed as standing commissioners of the Council: Hu Han-min, Wang Ching-wei, Chai Yuan-pai, Tan Yen-kai, and Li Lieh-chun.

The following sixty-six are appointed commissioners of the Nationalist Military Council to function as the highest military organ after the abolition of the post of Commander-in-Chief and the Ministry of War.

(General) Tang Sang-chi, (General) Feng Yu-hsiang, Chai Yuan-pai, (General) Yen Shi-shan, Tan Yen-kai, (General) Ho Ying-ching, (General) Pei Chung-hsi, (General) Li Chai-sum, (General) Ching Chien, Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min, (General) Chu Pei-teh, (General) Li Chung-jen, (Admiral) Yang Shu-chang, (General) Chang Fat-kwai, (General) Li Tsi-ting, Sun Fo, (General) Chan Ming-shu, (General) Tso Wen-shun, (General) Chen Tiu-yuan, (General) Chau Feng-chi, (General) Pei Wen-hwai, (General) Yen Kai-chen, (General) Yang Sen, (General) Liu Hsiang, Niu Yung-chen, (General) Hsiang Ching, (General) Lu Chung-lin, (General) Chang Ching-kiang, (General) Feng Hsin-tai, (General) Sun Ye, (General) Yang Chieh, Yu Yau-ten, (General) Hsu Wei, (General) Ho Chen, (General) Liu Hsing, (General) Wang Chun, Wu Chi-fai, (General) Hsu Sung-chi, Shi Ching Yang, (General) Li Ming-chung, (General) Li Fuk-lam, (General) Lai Shin-fai, (General) Liu Wen-fai, (General) Tang Shi-hau, (General) Tien Chung-yao, (General) Chau Shi-cheng, (General) Ho Jo-yu, (General) Chan Koh-yu, (General) Wang Shao-hwan, Chen Chi-jiang, Chen Shao-hwan, (Admiral) Li Ching-hsi, (General) Feng Chung-hui, Chen Hsun-yung, (General) Ho Ching-yu, (General) Hu Chung-tao, (General) Li Ping-hsien, (General) Chin Hang-ting, (General) Feng Cheng-wuh, (General) Liu Yuk-hsun, and (General) Yang Fucheng.

A RED PLOT.

WUHAN AUTHORITIES AWAKENING SLOWLY.

Hankow, Sept. 19. The military, having arrested Communist agents who were smuggling in 140 cases of German-made dynamite, have followed up the arrests by raids on the Communist headquarters where they discovered more dynamite, also documents proving that a plan to blow up strategic points in Hankow and Wuchang was well under way.

The Communist cells unearthed by the military prove that organisations in Hankow are actively functioning. The authorities have ordered all former Communists to be immediately dismissed from Government employment, the authorities doubting the sincerity of their resignations from the Communist party.—*Reuter.*

The following are appointed Ministers of the Nationalist Government departments:

C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Sun Fo, Minister of Finance; Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Justice; Wang Pei-chun, Minister of Communications; Chai Yuan-pai, President of the National University.

The Department of Education has been abolished and the National University will control all national educational affairs.

The Ministers for the Department of Industries and that for Agriculture and Labour have not yet been officially appointed.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

New Regulations.

Shanghai, Sept. 19. The commissioners of the Nationalist Government will take up their offices on the 20th, when there will be a grand review of troops in Nanking.

The new office of the Nationalist Government in Nanking will be established in the old Tuchun Yamen. The office of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters will be in the old Provincial Assembly building. The new Military Council will have its office in the West building of the Tuchun Yamen.

The Special Kuomintang Committee is meeting every day. Yesterday the regulations governing the formation of the new Military Council were drafted and passed.

The regulations are as follows: The Military Council is the highest military organ and controls all the different Nationalist armies as well as the Navy, abolishing the post of Commander-in-Chief and the office of War Ministry.

Three commissioners will be selected to draft plans for improving the army and the navy. Five or seven will be selected among the commissioners of the Council and appointed as standing commissioners.

The Council will hold a regular conference once a month.

Orders of the Council will be signed by the commissioners. The Council will have a Staff Officers Department and a Secretariat.

Military affairs of the different provinces or Government institutions in the provinces connected with the military administration, will come under the control of the Council.

In war time, a commander-in-chief will be recommended by the Council and appointed by the Nationalist Government to take command of the mobilized forces.

The office of the Council is to be established at the capital of the Nationalist Government.

The Special Kuomintang Committee also decided to form the following departments of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters: Propaganda, Farmers, Merchants, Youth, Women, Overseas, and Labour.

Messrs. Li Shi-chang, Chang Ching-kiang and Yu Yu-ten arrived at Shanghai yesterday with a view to requesting Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei, and Wu Han-min to return to Nanking.

Marshal Chiang has arrived at Hangchow, the Chekiang capital from Shaoching.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

OPIUM CONTROL.

PAID OR VOLUNTARY SERVICE?

Geneva, Sept. 19. The question of whether paid or voluntary service is preferable arose at a meeting of the fifth commission in connection with the appointment of an international board of control of opium.

Dame Edith Lyttelton strongly favoured the voluntary service principle, but the Chairman said that this was not democratic and would leave the work to be done by the rich.

Finally the commission recommended that remuneration should be based on the principle of seventy francs daily and adequate travelling expenses.—*Reuter.*

Outlawry of War.

Geneva, Sept. 19. The third committee of the assembly on disarmament, presided over by Dr. Benes, accepted the Polish project of outlawry of war.

The Japanese delegate declared that the proposal was only applicable to League members.—*Reuter.*

CANTON BOYCOTT.

STRIKERS INTEND TO CONTINUE PROPAGANDA.

Canton, Sept. 18. The organization responsible for the inauguration of the anti-British boycott does not relish the idea of ceasing its activities. In answer to the government's edict, it has given notice that it has no intention of shutting up shop at this time; that it will continue with its propaganda, but it will not go so far as to actually seize British goods.

Out of this situation has grown a rumour to the effect that Li Chai-sum is not pleased with this answer. However, to the Hongkong strikers—for nearly all members of the boycott society are Hongkong strikers—he will say nothing more at this time. But on October 10th, on the birthday of the revolution, the order will be published causing each striker to be paid the amount which has already been promised, the rice halls will be closed, the government allowance will be cut off, and the striking workmen will be formally dismissed.

PROPERTY SALE.

QUEEN'S ROAD HOUSE SOLD BY AUCTION.

A valuable piece of property was disposed of at Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa's auction rooms yesterday afternoon when No. 153 Queen's Road Central together with all the buildings thereon was sold for \$92,000, the successful bidder being the Wai Tak Land Investment Company.

The property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 999 years from the 26th June, 1843.

The bidding started at \$60,000 and the figure was raised by a single bid to \$95,000. Bids of \$1,000 and \$500 followed and eventually the property passed into the hands of the new owners at the figure stated above.

NEW TREATIES.

PACT BETWEEN ITALY AND LITHUANIA.

Rome, Sept. 19. The Italo-Lithuanian Treaty of conciliation, arbitration and commerce, has been signed.—*Reuter.*

WHY THEY TELEGRAPHED.

In the course of a letter received in Singapore from Mr. L. S. Teck, of Rompibou, South Siam, the following passage occurs:—

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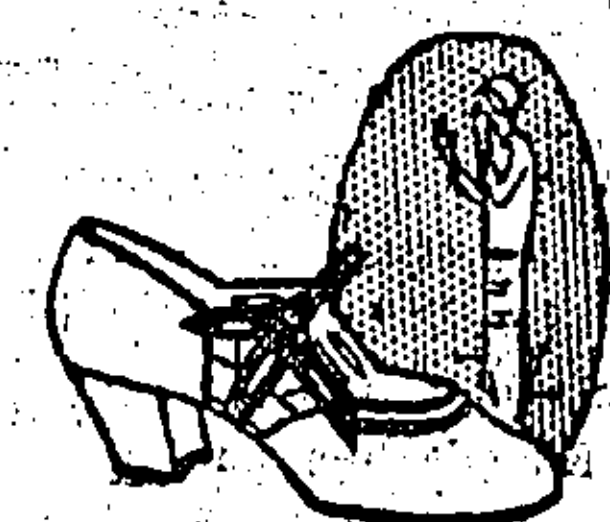
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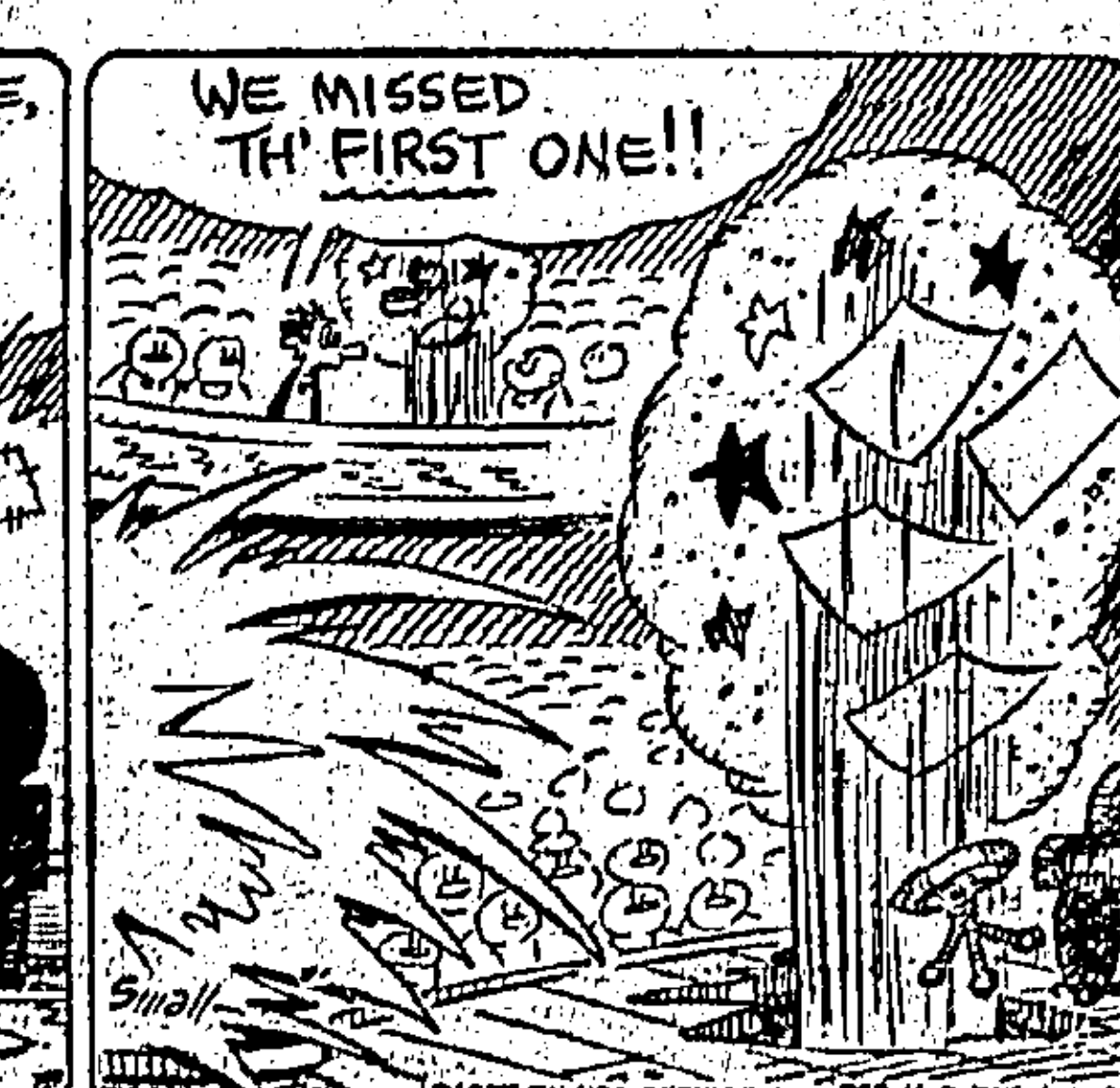
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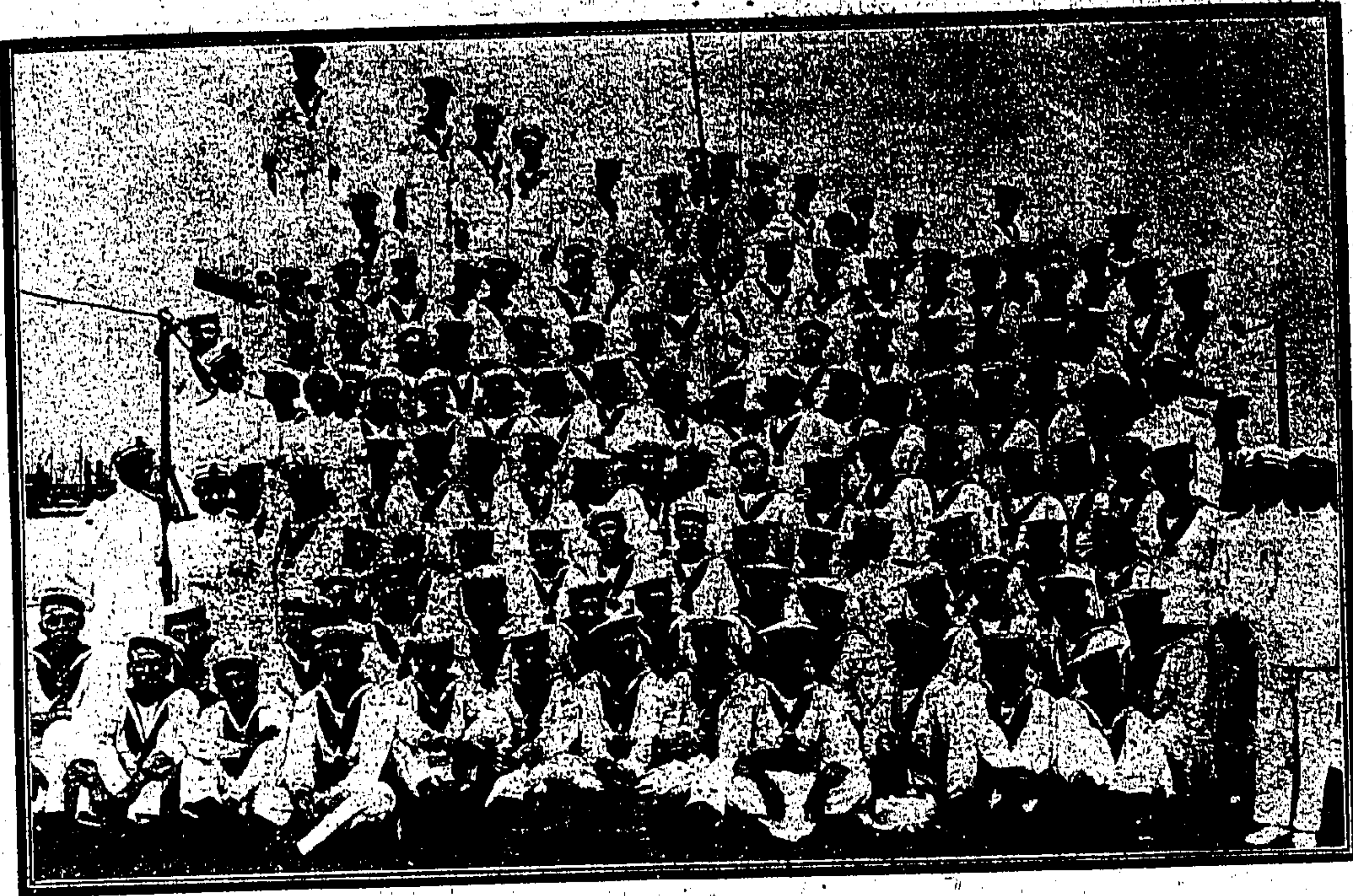
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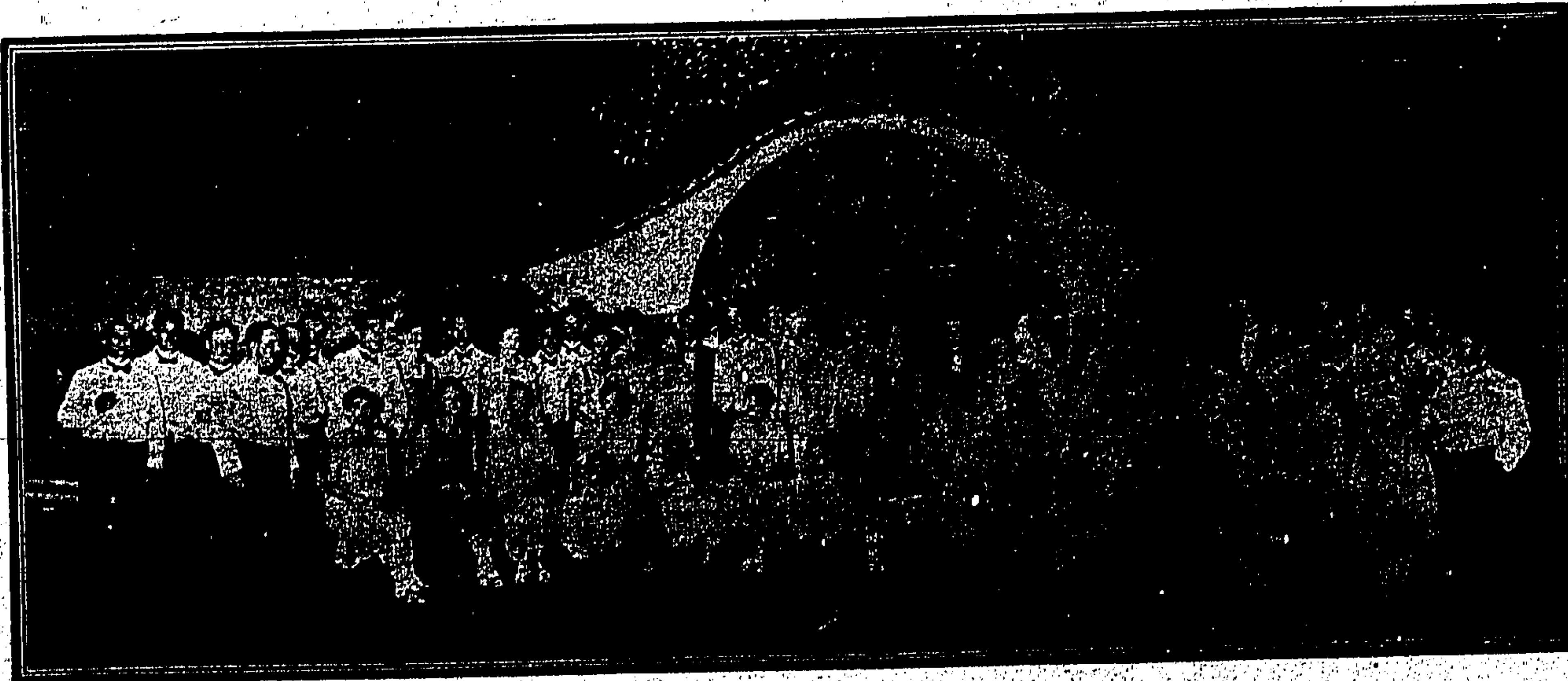




CREW OF THE ITALIAN CRUISER A VOLTA.—Petty officers and men of the Italian cruiser A Volta, one of the most recently arrived warships to tie up in the Whangpoo, at Shanghai.



ON HOLIDAY IN FAIR JAPAN.—The annual golf tournament arranged for visitors to Unzen was played on August 6. Above is seen a group of happy competitors and spectators, holiday in the Japanese resort.



GATHERING IN HONOUR OF A QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—Flashlight photo taken in the garden of the Jade Tree Studio, Shanghai, of the evening party given in honour of the birthday of the Queen of the Netherlands, by the Dutch Consul-General Mr. F. E. H. Groenman, to members of the Dutch community at the northern port.



MARTIN JENSEN, who won the second prize given by Mr. Dole, for a flight from San Francisco to Honolulu.



ARTHUR V. RODGERS, the English entrant for the Dole prize, who crashed and was killed before hopping off.



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L. M. WHYTE, Hon. Secretary, Navy League (Hongkong Branch).

NOTICE.

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At Kowloon Football Club Ground, Chatham Road, Kowloon on Wednesday, 21st September, 1927, at 9 p.m. Admission \$1. Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th October, 1927, and Monday, 10th October, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday 24th September, 1927.

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In the ultimate resort, when your last cartridge is expended or jammed, you can, it is said, save yourself from a buffalo by lying flat; he cannot get at you with those enormous, inward-curving horns of his, and, like a horse, he will not willingly tread on a human body. Every hunter knows that theory; the doubtful problem is as to whether the buffalo knows it. I have, thank heaven, never had cause to solve by experiment.

STRANGE TALES OF SUICIDE.

STORY OF A WOMAN'S PERSISTENCE.

MAN'S SECOND ATTEMPT.

At 9.30 last night a Chinese woman, middle-aged, jumped into the harbour from the Fook On Wharf, at the Praya, with the intention of committing suicide, states the vernacular press. As the current was strong at the moment nobody was brave enough to jump into the water to rescue her when the alarm was given. Later, a Chinese, the owner of sampan No. 2367, dived into the water, and remained there for about 30 minutes, searching for the body of the woman, but it could not be found.

In this connexion, the local vernacular press refers to the number of cases of suicide among Chinese recently, and recounts the following interesting cases.

Second Attempt Succeeds.

It is stated that a young Chinese boarded the s.s. Charles Hardouin last Friday afternoon at Canton. When the vessel was approaching Capsumun, some folks entered the man's cabin to collect the money for his food; but they were told that he had not the available money for the bill at that moment. Later, the men on board the ship again entered his cabin, and the man was not to be found.

On the table, says the report, was found a letter written by him, addressed to a woman living at Hollywood Road. The letter stated that on Friday the "writer" took an overdose of sleeping powder, with the intention of committing suicide. But his plan proved to be fruitless, for he slept for about 28 hours, and then came back to consciousness. He then boarded the s.s. Charles Hardouin with the desire to end his life by jumping overboard during the voyage.

The discovery of this letter disclosed that the man had jumped overboard; but the alarm was given too late, therefore no rescue work was possible.

A Persistent Woman.

However, a curious account is given of another case from the Charles Hardouin on the same trip, when a Chinese woman attempted the same thing. She was a young woman, well dressed, and with bobbed hair. She shut herself up during most part of the voyage, staying inside her cabin. About 8 o'clock in the evening she was seen sitting on the railing by the side of the vessel. A man on board the boat approached her and told her to get down. The man then became suspicious of this woman's desiring to end her life, and he told the incident to other members of the crew.

After that the woman was closely watched. When the boat arrived in the Colony, she was seen to remain on the ship without attempting to leave. She was asked by the men on board why he did not leave, and about 11 o'clock she left, taking a ricksha for Wanchai. Two men belonging to the vessel, out of curiosity, followed the woman. When the ricksha was near the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's wharf, she attempted to get down; but looking back she saw the two men following her, and so she ordered the coolie to go in.

Lost Sight Of.

Later, she arrived at Wanchai, and the men who were following lost sight of her, and turned back. Suspecting that the woman wanted to board the s.s. Lung Shan, which was scheduled to leave for Canton the same evening, the two men later went down to the s.s. Lung Shan and told their experience to the Chinese seamen on that vessel. While they were talking, the woman was seen coming on board.

When the ship sailed she was closely watched by the seamen, but early on Saturday morning, about 5 o'clock, while the vessel was approaching Canton and was passing the Lin Far Shan district, the woman entered the lavatory and jumped into the water through a porthole.

When the alarm was given, the ship immediately turned round, but the body was nowhere to be seen, states the vernacular press.

Seven boys who are to spend a holiday in the Swiss Alps to test the value of sunlight on health, left Victoria recently under the care of Lieut.-Col. G. S. Hutchison, of the New Health Society. Five of them left from a Nottinghamshire colliery, one is a Lancashire mill boy, and the other, known as "Willie," is a young artist who sells his paintings on the Brighton road. The boys are to stay at the Chalet Soldanella, Gris Alp, Liental, Switzerland.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superinscribed.

Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—French Indo-China, province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kowloon, Macau, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Wuchow, and Hoihow. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, C. P. O. Building.

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Straits	Hosang	September 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	September 23.
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hai	Athos II	September 27.
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	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 10th October.)	
*Straits L. Marques and S. Africa	Halyang	Tues., Sept. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues., Sept. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Tues., Sept. 20, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hakata Maru	Tues., Sept. 20, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	Wed., Sept. 21, 5.30 a.m.
*Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru	Wed., Sept. 21, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 3rd October.)	
Straits	Glenagarry	Wed., Sept. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Wed., Sept. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Yuan Jeng	Wed., Sept. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow	Yan On	Wed., Sept. 21, 5 p.m.
Straits	Teucer	Wed., Sept. 21, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tafgo Maru	Thurs., Sept. 22, Registrations 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 4th October.)	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Achilles	Thurs., Sept. 22, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 17th October.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tikarung	Thurs., Sept. 22, 11.30 a.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Taikoowanyi	Thurs., Sept. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Svale	Thurs., Sept. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Nyansa	Thurs., Sept. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri., Sept. 23, noon.
Shanghai	Sunning	Fri., Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Fri., Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Sat., Sept. 24, K. P. O. Registration 2.30 p.m. Letters 3.40 p.m.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 6% PUBLIC WORKS LOAN OF 1927.

PROSPECTUS:

The Subscription List will be opened on
Monday, the 17th day of October,
1927, and closed on or before
Saturday, the 22nd day of
October 1927.

Issue of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong Currency six per cent.
Bonds to Bearer being part of the \$5,000,000 Loan
authorised by the Public Works Loan
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The proceeds of the Loan will be applied to the purposes specified in the Schedule.

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PAYABLE—1ST MAY, 1928.

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The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, are instructed by the Government of Hong Kong to receive subscriptions for the above Loan.

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THE JOHN BUNYAN TERCENTENARY.

NEXT YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS.

Bunyan Meeting Church at Bedford, where John Bunyan was minister from 1672 to 1688, is spending over £1,000 upon alterations for the celebration of the tercentenary of his birth next year. The graveyard has been transformed into a delightful garden of remembrance, and the interior of the chapel is to be redecorated and attention given to the woodwork. The tablet to the memory of Hannah Bunyan, John Bunyan's great-granddaughter, is to be placed in a prominent position inside the church. Bunyan was born in 1628 and died in 1688, and was buried at Bunhill Fields, London.

tenary, and details of the programme for 1928 will shortly be made public. Pageants, plays, festivals, and celebrations are to be held in different parts of the world.

The present pastor of the church, the Rev. C. Bernard Cockett, M.A., comes from Australia. For over a fortnight the inscription on the base of a sundial recently erected in connexion with the tercentenary stood as follows:—

JOHN BUNYAN.
Minister of this Church from
1672 to 1688.
Born November 31st, 1628.
Died August 31st, 1688.
Buried at Bunhill Fields,
London.

The error was discovered by a journalist, and the pastor in writing to thank him says: "This is another example of the need for the watchful eye of the Press that never sleeps to survey continually the activities of human life."

"MOANA."

LIFE AND LOVE IN THE
SOUTH SEAS.

Made entirely in the South Seas without any white players, the new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day, "Moana" was produced by Robert Flaherty, who made "Nanook of the North," the eskimo film generally conceded to be the finest thing of its kind ever attempted.

"Moana" is a story of life and love in the South Seas. The spectator is introduced to a group of Samoan natives and shown the way they live. He sees them at work and play; by day and by night; joyous youth and happy age; maidens and their lovers.

South Sea dances, vaguely reminiscent of the modern Charleston, have been photographed; likewise the tattooing which every youth has to endure before he becomes a man. The background is provided by gorgeous foliage and beautiful scenery.

Moana, after whom the film has been named, is a fine type of youth. He has the physique of an Apollo, the strength of a giant and the simplicity of a child of Nature. He is real and likeable, and his wooing of the girl of his heart is a very tender love story.

MYSTERY PLAY.

AT THEATRE ROYAL.

The mystery play, "The House of Unrest," was the attraction at the Theatre Royal last evening, when the Forbes Russell Comedy Company gave a very fine interpretation of what is a really interesting story.

The action of the play takes place on a lonely island off the coast of Scotland and concerns an alleged attempt by a mysterious and unknown person who signs himself "No. 1" to steal a valuable diamond, and, as later develops, to kill a young girl who is to inherit a fortune. The house is truly one of "unrest" and there is much mysterious happening—all crowded into the stage time of eight hours. Of course, the least likely person proves to be the villain—the man who was not a crook but who was insane.

The whole cast was very excellently sustained. Miss April Vivian, as Diana Hearn; and Mr. Lynwood Roberts, as Alec Hearn; maintaining the leading roles. Much excellent acting was also done by Mr. Leonard S. Stephens, as David Thorpe; Mr. Charles Bradley, as Hump Dennis; and Mr. R. Claude Pascoe, as Sheridan Cleaver. Miss Beryl Sidney, as Agnes, the old maid, succeeded in adding much to the mystery.

The Company was deservedly ovated at the close. To night is being given the farcical comedy "Half a Loaf."

SHIP'S OFFICER IS DROWNED.

ENGINEER OF KIANG-WAH
MISSES FOOTING.

A regrettable accident occurred at Shanghai last Tuesday night at 7.30 as a result of which Mr. M. P. Ferguson, fourth engineer of the China Merchants steamer Kiang-wah, which was moored at the C. M. buoy, lost his life through drowning. Accompanied by two other officers of the ship, Mr. Ferguson was coming ashore, and on stepping off the gangway into the sampans which was waiting he missed his footing, fell into the river and has not been seen since. The river police were notified, and a thorough search was conducted, but no trace of the body has yet been found.

Mr. Ferguson, whose father is well-known in China shipping circles, having been many years out East, was a native of Renfrew, in Scotland, and was only 22 years of age.

OBITUARY.

MISS L. H. BARNES OF
CHANGSHA.

Miss Louise Hester Barnes, who passed peacefully away at the age of 72 on September 13, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, came to China as a missionary of the C.M.S. in the year 1891, and was closely associated with Miss Mary Vaughan in devoted work among the villages of the Hangchow River district. After Miss Vaughan's death Miss Barnes became the first principal of the Mary Vaughan High School, which was opened in Hangchow in 1909. She was there three years only, but in that interval she not only made herself dearly loved by the Chinese, but came to the conclusion that evangelistic work in China had entered into a new phase wherein the Chinese themselves must shoulder the major responsibility.

Miss Barnes gained the unalloyed respect and love of all her students in Changsha, where she later took up work, and exerted such an influence among them that the I-Fang girls were noted for their Christian outlook and breadth of sympathy in all social problems. She filled the important position of Hon. Treasurer of the school for ten years, took most of the Scripture lessons and did an unusual amount of personal and individual work among the girls.

She last went to England in 1925, and in spite of difficult conditions managed to collect some funds for the school. She returned to China again in 1926, planning to return to Changsha, but was obliged to stay in or near Shanghai on account of the disturbed conditions in Central China.

Her death after a brief illness closes a missionary life of great usefulness, and her "work of faith and labour of love and patience of hope" will be an example to many.

THE PHILIPPINES GOVERNORSHIP.

APPOINTMENT MAY HAVE
TO WAIT.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Secretary Davis of the War Department is still of the opinion that there is no need for haste in naming the late Governor-General Wood's successor.

He pointed out that the new governor-general would not care to assume his duties until his appointment had been approved by the senate, and that if he waited until then he would be unable to reach the Philippines in time to be of service in connexion with the deliberations of the insular legislature, which adjourns in November.

Secretary Davis made it clear that he was not advised as to the President's plans regarding the appointment.



Two must live more cheaply than one.

GERMANS' FEAT.

CHANNEL CROSSED IN SMALL
BOAT.

Two Germans—one a doctor and the other a student—who had crossed the Channel in a 12-foot rubber canoe, landed at St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover, at 5.30 one evening last month. They are staying at a hotel at St. Margaret's until they have seen the immigration officer, and hope to be allowed to row their little craft to London, says a Home paper of mail week.

The adventurous pair attempted to land at Dover during the early afternoon, but a strong wind and tide forced them up Channel. A crowd of holidaymakers at St. Margaret's Bay watched their struggle to reach the little shingle beach there.

A wave overturned their frail craft, and the watching people rushed to their assistance, but quite unperturbed, after pulling their canoe to safety, they walked to the Bay Hotel and booked rooms. So lightly did they regard their adventure that they did not trouble to rest, but after changing their clothes and washing, immediately sauntered out for a stroll.

Story of the Voyage.

Student Wernher Schroeder, who speaks English, chatted to a Press representative in the lounge of the hotel. He said: "Dr. Johannes Weihe, my companion, and I both live at Brunswick. Our little boat, which was made at Rosenheim, Germany, is collapsible and can be either sailed or paddled."

We left Brunswick on July 28, and travelled by way of Cologne, Rotterdam, Chent, Ostend, and Calais. There we were held up by the weather for five days. When we left Calais at ten o'clock this morning the weather was fairly good, and it remained so for the first two hours, the wind being from the south-east. It then changed to south-west, and the sea became somewhat rough.

We sailed the canoe, and nothing of interest happened until we arrived off Dover at about three o'clock this afternoon. We endeavoured by sailing and paddling to get into that port, but there was a strong south-west wind blowing, and that and the flood tide forced us up Channel. Eventually we arrived off St. Margaret's Bay about 5.30 and were able to make the beach. In landing, however, our boat was overturned by a wave, and some of the woodwork was broken.

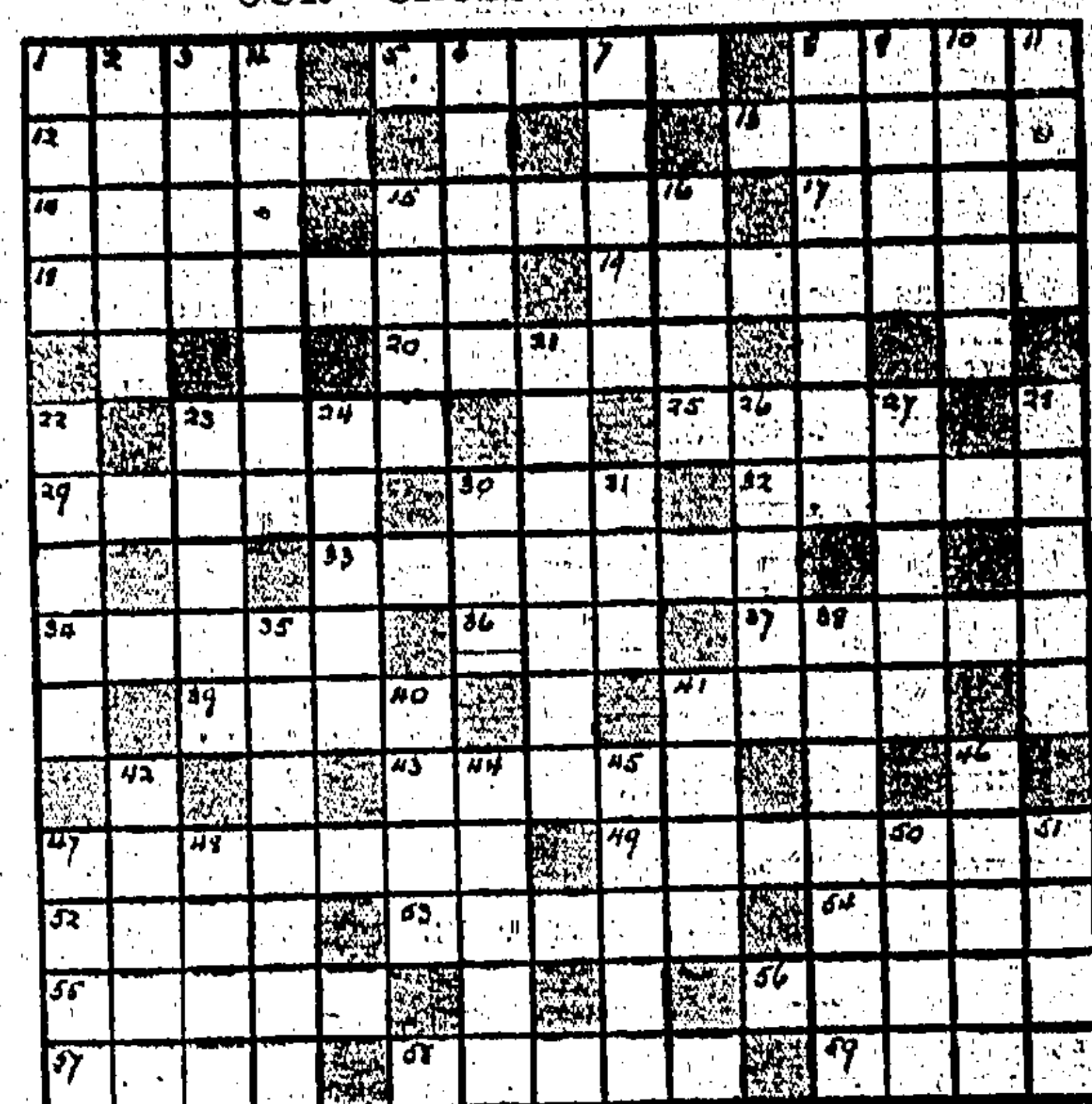
"Pleased with our Reception." We were very pleased with our reception. We were cheered as we landed, and were treated with every kindness by the people on shore. After we have visited the immigration department at Dover to-morrow we shall return to St. Margaret's Bay. We shall then sail either to-morrow or Saturday along the coast to London, and we expect to reach the Tower Bridge about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The boat is covered with red rubber and decked with a mackintosh sheet, which fits tightly round the two men. It was constructed to carry 250 kilos, but Student Schroeder said that on this journey they were carrying 260 kilos. Their baggage was stowed away at the bow and stern. The craft is fitted with outboards.

Asked whether they would attempt to return to Germany by water, Herr Schroeder said: "Owing to the short time at our disposal we shall be compelled to fly back or cross to the Continent by steamer."

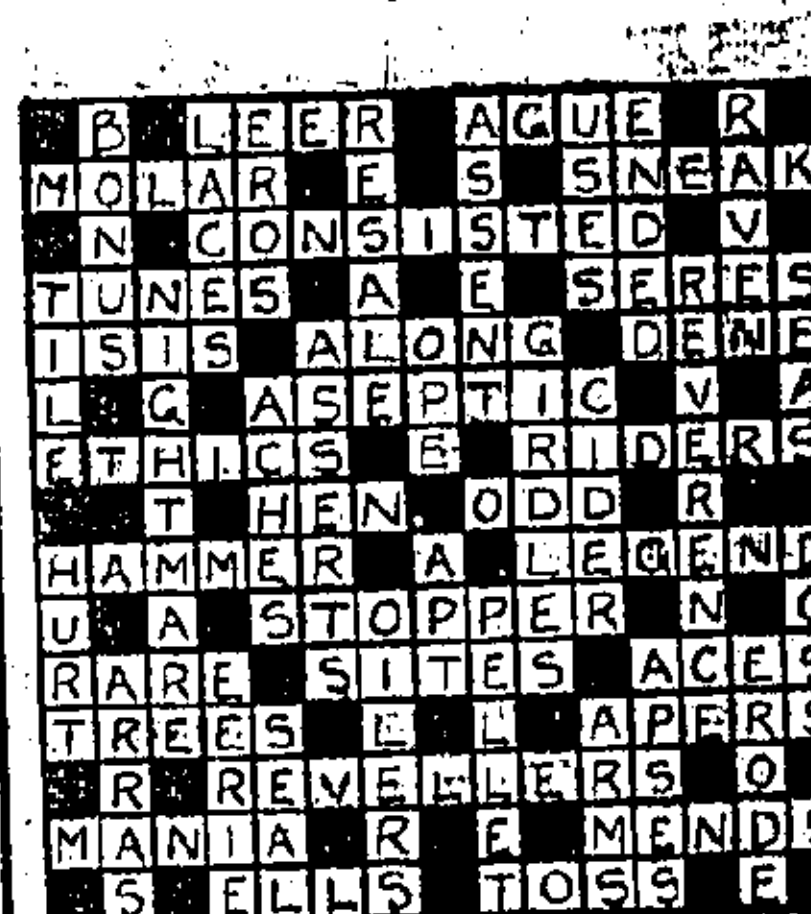
Herr Schroeder is, in athletic-looking man over six feet in height, and he bears the scars of many student duels on his face. The venturesome pair claim that their boat cannot sink, the rubber covering and the mackintosh making it practically watertight.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Throw.
 - Beat.
 - Perambulator.
 - Apert.
 - Beg.
 - Lion's noise.
 - Yarns.
 - Utilizes.
 - Persevere.
 - Transgressors.
 - Star-like flower.
 - Common Beetle.
 - Give forth melody.
 - Carried.
 - Consume.
 - Side glances.
 - Fresh water lamprey.
 - Propel.
 - Health resort.
 - Interior.
 - Facts.
 - Summer delicacies.
 - Travels.
 - Sells.
 - Ignited.
 - Publish.
 - Priest's vestments.
 - Eagle.
 - Species of Heron.
 - To singe.
 - Affected glance.
 - Hit.
 - Vend.
- Down.
- Kind of fish.
 - Plants of genus of lily.
 - Fly.
 - Act of twisting.
 - Warms.
 - Fat.
 - Lapping.
 - Level with the ground.
 - Direct away from.
 - Disorderly mixture.
 - Ex-emperor of Russia.
 - Knights.
 - Snared.
 - Line.
 - Priest.
 - Let again.
 - Relating to Ionia.
 - Glasses.
 - Utilizers.
 - Printers measure (plur.)
 - Beverage.
 - Leaper.
 - Relatives.
 - Enclosed space.
 - Egyptian deity.
 - To stir.
 - Mohammed's religion.
 - Choose.
 - Pertaining to punishment.
 - Hoodwink (Shake).
 - Italian coins.
 - Plant.
 - Dale.

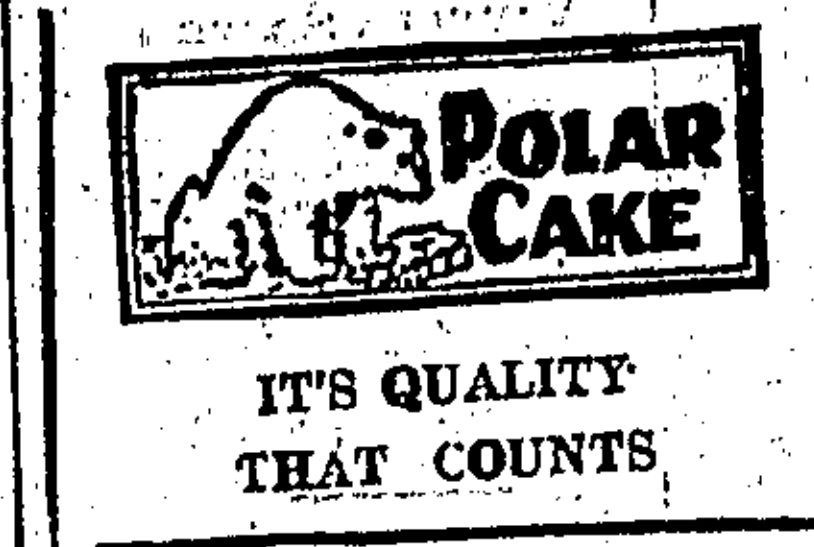
Yesterday's Puzzle.



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The Pope has appointed the Rev. Richard Fitzgerald, of the Diocese of Cloyne, in Ireland, to be Bishop of Gibraltar, which was constituted in 1910 and is subject directly to the Holy See.



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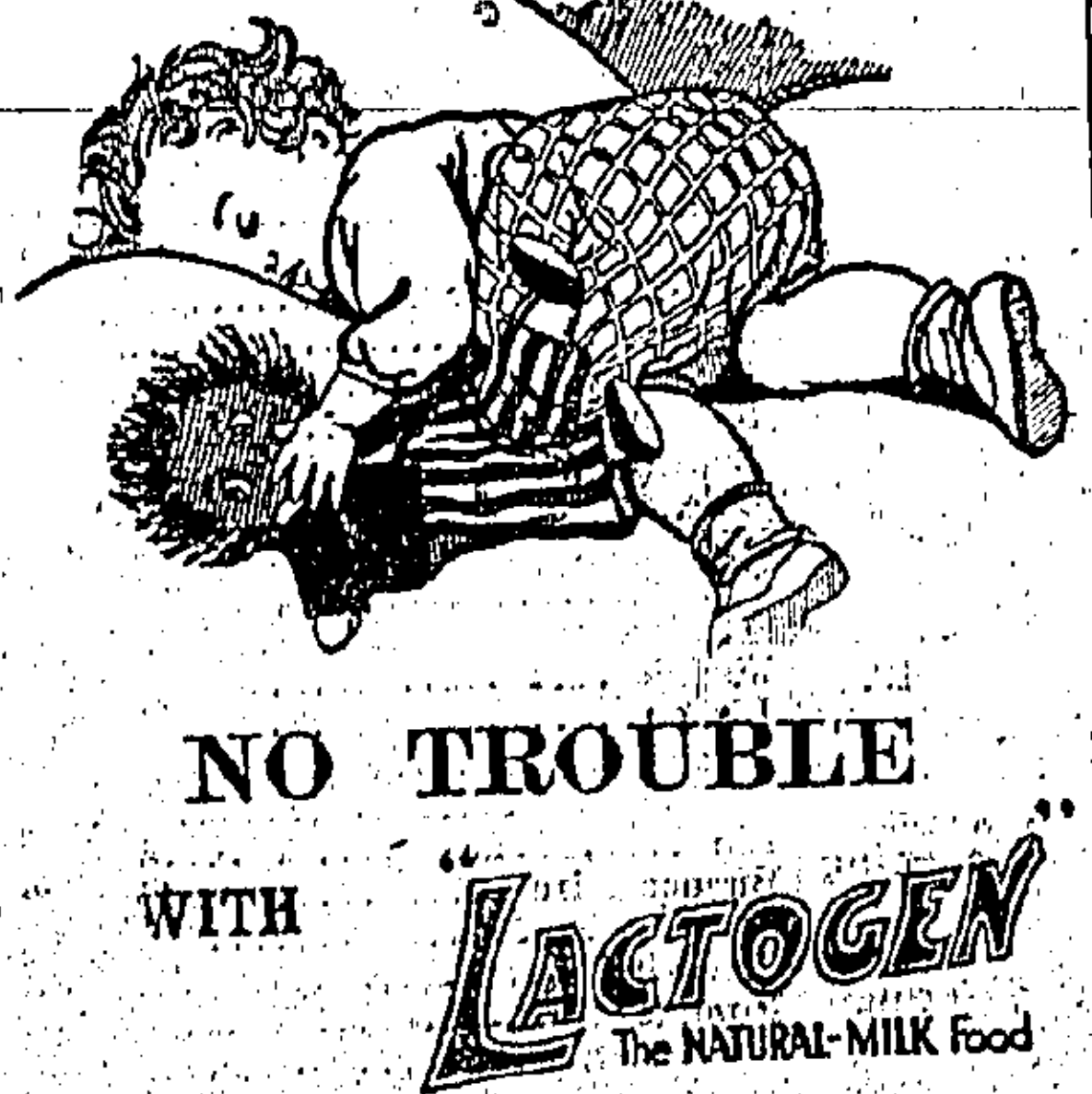
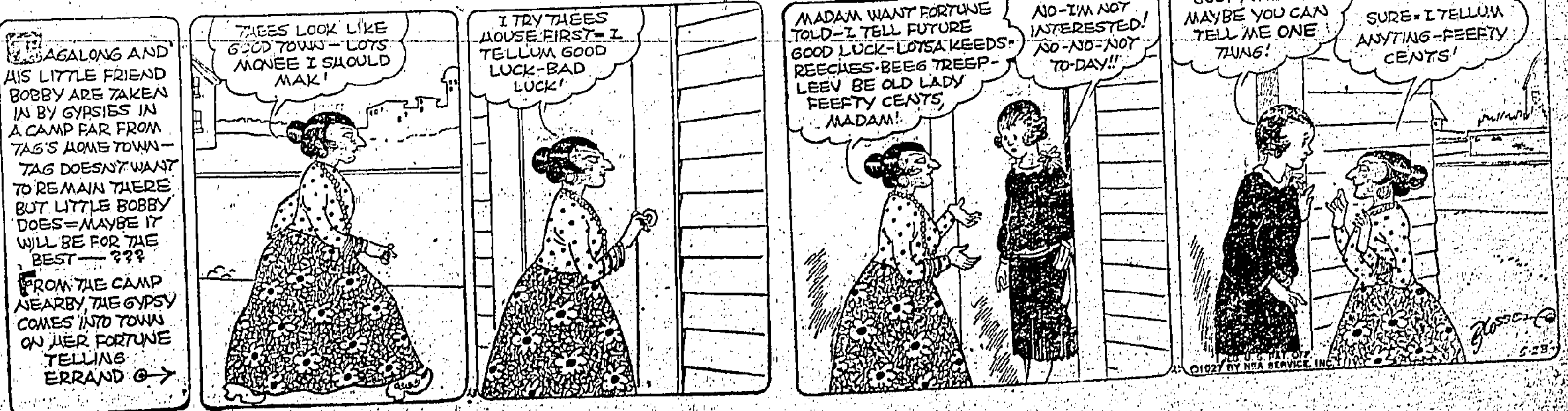
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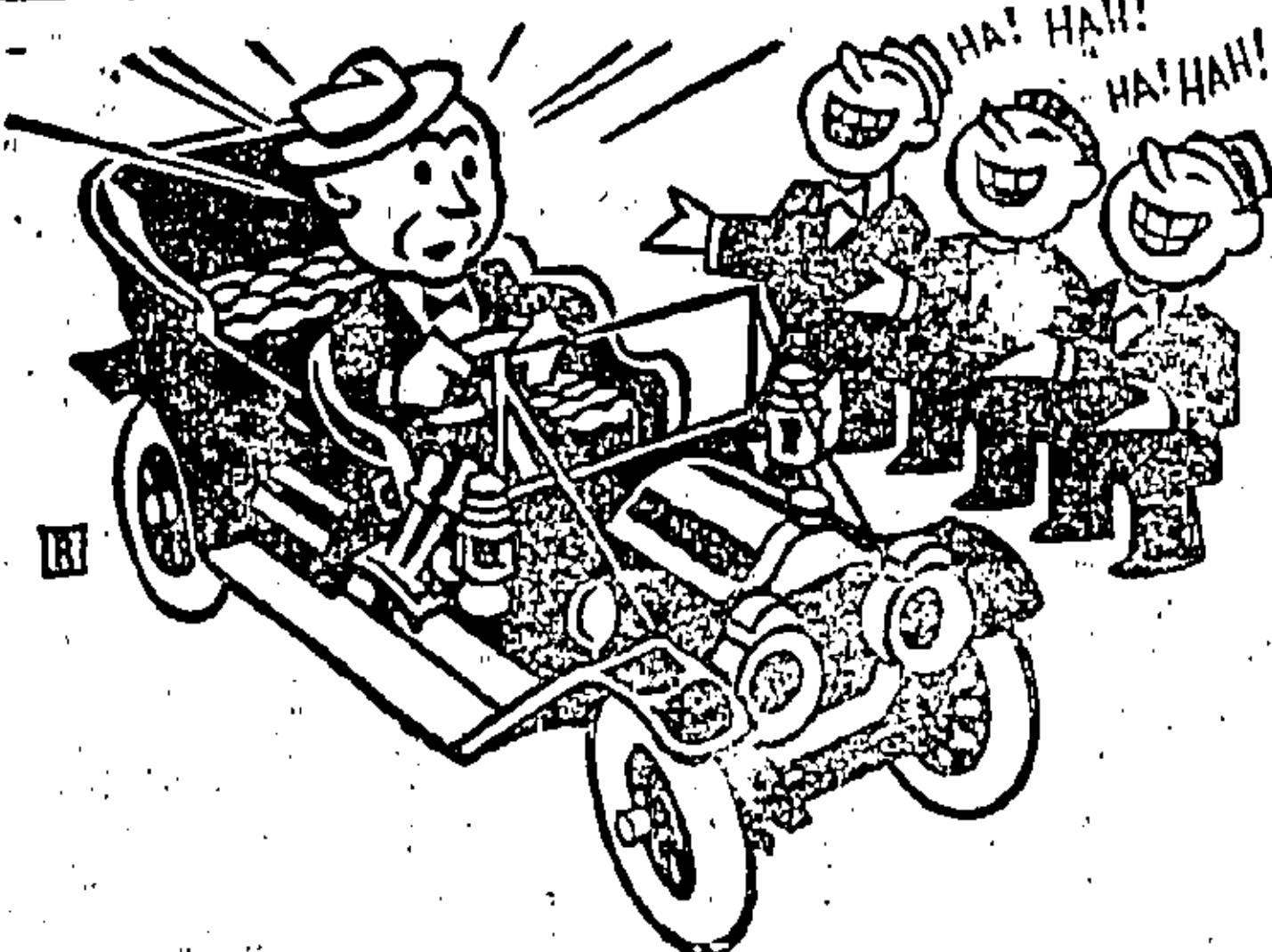
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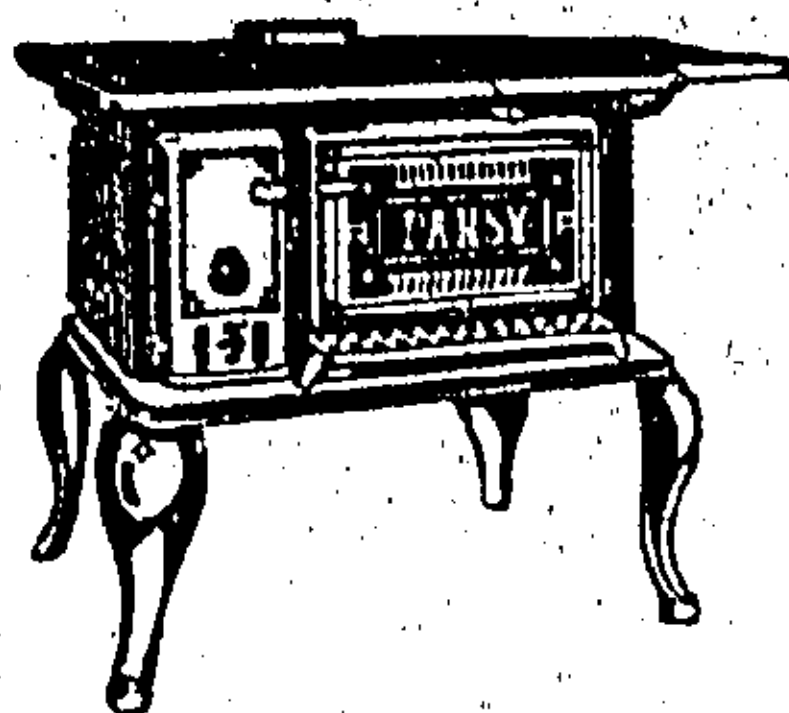
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COMMUNISM UNDER THE BAN.

One fact has emerged from the hitherto innocent-looking "ten party" at Nanking, namely that Communism in China is to be under a severe ban. The Nanking meeting has proscribed certain prominent men who are considered to be of Bolshevik tendencies, and is enquiring into the political opinions of others, with a view to ousting them permanently from the Kuomintang. Elsewhere, one reads of executions of batches of men who are proclaimed to be "Reds." It all seems very thorough, and there is an idea of the "strong hand" everywhere. Anyone who has studied the Chinese political and military events of the past few years will know that this clean-sweep of undesired elements is a periodic affair, and follows each change of regime or reverse of some formerly dominant party. The "Reds" once held sway. Now they are the underdogs, and shot with no compunction. One trusts that the change of heart is a genuine one, and that the experiment with Communism has been abandoned, but meanwhile one can examine all that it has meant to the country and all that it is likely to mean in the future. The repercussions from the explosive substance of Communism, planted in Chinese soil by Moscow agents, are not done away with by the mere declaration of a government or the killing of a few score unfortunate followers of the radical doctrine. The seed having been sown, the harvest has yet to be garnered. It were well for prophets if they could foresee the date of that harvesting, or the nature and extent thereof. For the present one can note the sad case of an experiment gone awry, and hope that nothing equally costly or foolish will be attempted in the near future.

We have had occasion to remark on the spent force represented by certain politicians in China, and the meteoric rise, and fall, of those who take part in the ever-changing scenes in the big drama which is being played out here to-day. Prominent among these is the late Wuhan Foreign Minister, Mr. Eugene Chen. Chance, and the ability to profit thereby, raised him from a position of comparative obscurity at Canton to that of one upon whose words world-famous statesmen and diplomats waited during many fateful weeks. He chose a certain line of action, which

has led to his temporary eclipse. While Nanking confers, he kicks his heels at Moscow, among those whom he selected as his soul affiliates. Urgent invitations are sent to men like C. C. Wu, Wang Ching-wei, and Chiang Kai-shek to return to the fold, but not a word is said of Eugene Chen. He stands discredited, apparently, by his former colleagues as well as by the rest of the world. He has stuck to a policy embarked upon more than a year ago. Perhaps he sees that he missed several opportunities of profiting more from moderation than from extremism. One of the most straightforward comments on the situation in Chinese politics to-day is contained in the *Observer*, and it does not forget the ex-Foreign Minister of the Nationalists. We quote: "From the welter and flux into which affairs in China have fallen, one of the few certainties that emerge is the disappearance from the scene of Mr. Eugene Chen, sometime Foreign Minister of the Cantonese faction. To-day Mr. Eugene Chen is a thing of nought. Nobody regards him; nobody regrets him. Like a wave in the moonlit solitude mild, of the mid-most ocean," he has 'swelled, foamed for a moment, and gone.' His sudden and unhonoured passing inevitably recalls the imposing figure that he made a few short months ago." Now even the British Labour extremists must realise that, to use sporting parlance, they backed the wrong horse. Of all the experiments that China's self-appointed leaders have tried since the Revolution, it truly appears that with Communism they have ridden to the heaviest fall.

Hongkong and Canton.

It has been with much satisfaction that the people of this Colony have learned of the action taken by the Government at Canton in the matter of the threatened boycott of British goods at the close of last week, for it was undoubtedly due to official interference that the whole silly scheme was dropped. The mischief-makers (and they can only be termed such) were told by the Government that there must be no such action as was planned; and, one and all have been gratified to note that the Government's warning proved effective to such a complete extent. There seems to be a growing realisation of the truth that both Hongkong and Canton can best benefit by a mutual friendliness and by creating conditions that foster and not hinder the essential trade between the two ports. If for some political reason certain parties or factions in Canton become displeased with any act or acts of the British authorities it is not a reasonable "reprisal" or show of displeasure to interfere with the flow of trade, because such interference has widespread effect and repercussion among all classes of the communities of the two ports—both Chinese and British. The present authorities in Canton appear to recognise that and have, very wisely, taken steps to prevent the boycott which was threatened. There is not the slightest reason why Hongkong and Canton should be at cross purposes—a fact which we have often pointed out and in connexion with which we have urged a closer coming together of the leading personalities. An interchange of visits among traders, etc., would do much to foster the friendliness that is so desirable. We learn that there has been a big improvement of late in the administration along the West River and that at Wuchow big schemes are going through. At Canton there has also been much development and if there could be a period of friendliness all round with the quiet constructive work that is only possible under such conditions, then the fortunes of South China would, ere long, take the long-awaited turn for the better. Co-operation is the road to that desirable end.

GUARD OF HONOUR.

TO BE FURNISHED BY PORTUGUESE COMPANY.

We learn that on the occasion of the official visit which is being paid to Hongkong by His Excellency the Governor of Macao, the official Guard of Honour to meet His Excellency on landing at Queen's Pier, on Saturday morning, will be composed of 60 members of the Portuguese Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. This is the first time in the history of the Colony that such an event has taken place.

DAY BY DAY.

THE VOICE IS, AS A RULE, AT LEAST A "MORE RELIABLE GUIDE TO A WOMAN'S STATION AND EDUCATION THAN EITHER FACE OR HER FIGURE."
—*Harry Bindloss.*

The Hongkong Reel Club starts its winter season on Wednesday at the Helena May Institute, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The comedy at the Queen's Theatre to-day shows the clever "Our Gung" as detectives hot on the scent of a "mystery."

Forthcoming weddings announced include Commander B. L. Geoffrey, R.N., Naval Yard, Hongkong, to Miss C. G. Millar, c/o 172, The Peak.

Clothing valued at \$43 was stolen yesterday from the cloak room of the Chartered Bank. The clothing was the property of one of the Bank's Chinese clerks.

The silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Russia" on the 24th August arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 16th September, having been 23 days in transit.

Whitey Smith's Orchestra will play at Dinner Dances at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Friday and Saturday, September 23rd and 24th. It is advisable to book tables at once.

Mrs. C. J. Cooke, residing at No. 9, The Peak, reports that sometime between Friday the 16th and yesterday, some person stole jewellery from her jewel case valued at \$115 and 45 Yen.

A report has been made to the police that money and jewellery valued at \$46 has been stolen from the quarters of Sergeant Major T. Soar, of the K.O.S.B., who is stationed at Mount Austin Barracks.

The Oriental Strolling Players and the Band of the 1st Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment will open the second half of their season at the Lee Theatre to-night. The performance commences at 8.30 p.m.

A Chinese Police Constable, No. 160, has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received by jumping into the street from the 3rd floor of No. 3, Station Street during a police raid yesterday.

One hundred fathoms of Manila hemp rope valued at \$50 have been stolen from s.s. Scold, according to a report made to the police. It is believed that the rope was stolen yesterday morning between the hours of 6 and 9 a.m.

The feature picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is Lon Chaney's sensational mystery drama, "The Monster," in which an insane surgeon secures control of a lunatic asylum with startling results. "The Monster" is extremely exciting but it is also very amusing in places.

Will any members of the Kowloon Branch of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League who have not paid their annual subscription (\$1) and would like to do so, please send before the end of September to Mrs. F. H. Crapnell, 1, Chatham Road, Kowloon.—*Advt.*

The management of the Star Theatre, in a special advertisement in this issue, announces that the Forbes Russell Comedy Company, which is now playing at the Theatre Royal, will open a brief season in Kowloon on Monday, September 26th, at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

An old Chinese woman has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by tramcar No. 12 in Des Voeux Road yesterday. A report made to the police was to the effect that the woman attempted to cross the road in front of the car, which had no time to pull up.

The World Theatre to-day is showing "Time the Comedian," a society drama which contrasts the changes that have taken place during the past twenty-five years. The picture holds great interest for women as it shows many beautiful gowns of both the past and the present. Lew Cody and Mae Busch are the leading players.

The topical gazette which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day, shows among other recent events, the arrival of the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister in Canada, the winning of the motor boat trophy and the damage caused by the big cloudburst in Switzerland. An interesting item is the ascent of Mont Blanc by aerial railway.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

The following Police Reserve Orders are issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:

Adjutant.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) and Adjutant is granted six week's leave of absence from the Colony from the 21st September.

During the absence on leave of Commander G. B. Hartford, D.S.P. (R), the senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, will carry out the duties of Adjutant.

Police Training School.

The advanced members of the Chinese and Indian Companies will attend at the Police Training School at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Thursday, 22nd September, and Tuesday, 27th September for instruction in Police duties and regulations by Inspector H. J. Paterson.

Recruits.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for squad drill and rifle exercises under Sergt. R. J. Hunt at 5.30 p.m. sharp as follows:—

Chinese Company on Thursday, September 22nd and Tuesday, September, 17th.

Indian Company on Friday, September 23rd, and Monday, September 26th.

Motor Cyclist Section (Flying Squad).

The weekly Instructional Patrol will leave Central Police Station on Thursday, September 22nd at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

Aquatic Sports.

The Police Reserve has been kindly asked to participate in the annual Aquatic sports organized by the Police and Prison Departments to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday, September 24th commencing at 3.00 p.m. There will be one event open only to members of the Police Reserve, a two lengths (50 yds.) race, and entries should be handed in to the Adjutant as soon as possible. All members of the Hongkong Police Reserve and their friends are cordially invited to attend the sport; no ticket of admission required.

(Sgd.) G. B. Hartford,
D.S.P. (R), Adjutant.
Hongkong, 20th September, 1927.

NEW GARAGE FOR KOWLOON.

LARGE STORAGE FACILITIES.

The erection of a new garage, in Kowloon, having accommodation for 20 private motor cars in lock-up spaces, and for other cars in the main space, is planned by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, and awaiting formal approval, according to information given to a *Telegraph* representative this morning.

Plans have been prepared for the erection of the garage on the lot of vacant land at the corner of Chatham Road and Cameron Road, and there will be two entrances. It is proposed to provide 20 private lock-up garages, 10 ft. by 8 ft., and one large garage, 50 ft. by 25 ft. Concrete paving will be provided and there will be water supply for washing and cleaning and also a petrol pump. It is not intended, however, to run the scheme as a fully equipped service station, though the garage will be staffed so that owners can get cars washed and cleaned.

In the matter of charges, it has not yet been decided how much they will have to be, but it is thought that a charge of about \$20 per month will be made for the private lock-up places and a cheaper rate for cars stored in the main building.

The building will be of a temporary character, for the scheme is in the nature of an experiment. If found to be justified, a permanent scheme will possibly be undertaken.

RUSSIAN "SPY" TRIAL.

TO "UNMASK" BRITAIN.

Riga, Sept. 19. The trial of a fresh batch of five alleged counter-revolutionaries, Balmasov, Solsky, Stroyer, Samoilov, and Aderkas, is opening at Leningrad. The authorities represent the trial as the unmasking of foreign Governments, particularly Britain, Finland, Poland, and Latvia.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

"There ought to be only one head to every family," exclaimed a speaker at a certain meeting. "That's true," replied a much-worried-looking man in the audience.

"You agree with me, sir?" said the speaker. "I do," replied the man. "I've just paid for hats for nine daughters."

A small fire on Friday at 423 East Gordon Street was caused by sparks from the chimney, occasioned by a coloured woman who was ironing clothes, falling on the roof.—*Georgia paper.*

Tottenham magistrate: How do you know that this man has money? Woman: I have seen him drunk.

Kent magistrate: Does your husband ever give you anything? Wife: Nothing but black eyes.

Midland litigant: I hope you will bear with me: I have no experience of county court law. Judge: That is a pleasure in store.

Lambeth landlady: I object to my tenant's language. Solicitor: Isn't it English? Landlady: It is not in my dictionary.

Judge Dobb, at Lambeth: What is this man? Woman: A clerk employed by the Holborn Borough Council. Judge Dobb: He says that he is a road sweeper. Solicitor: Then probably he is earning more.

Dissatisfied with their tobacco allowance, dietary, and issues of passes into town, some of the able-bodied male inmates of Hamilton (Lanarkshire) Poorhouse went on strike.

Following a consultation with the governor, members of the house committee decided that as the Board of Health regulations were being observed, any able-bodied man who refused to work should be informed that he would have to leave the institution. The differences were temporarily patched up, and work was resumed. It was learned, however, that further demands have now been put forward, one being that filleted fish be served for breakfast.

A White Wyandotte hen that does not cackle after laying an egg is referred to as "The Lost Chord" in a report by Mr. A. Turner, poultry expert to the Dorset County Council.

This strong, silent fowl (the report says) has laid over 100 eggs, and has never been heard to make a sound. She neither clucks before laying nor cackles afterwards.

Charley's Aunt, another White Wyandotte, has distinguished herself by laying 28 eggs in a month, 270 in 280 days.

The Lady-in-Waiting, a Rhode Island Red, has not yet laid an egg in spite of the fact that she has had 560 meals of corn.

Unemployment should be viewed as a social pestilence.—Mr. Arthur Hayday, M.P.

I wish the Conservative party would have more courage.—The Duke of Northumberland.

It is pure bunk to say that the American people drink more than they did before prohibition.—Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson.

The grocer was annoyed when it was suggested that his eggs were not fresh.

"I tell you, sir," he said, emphatically, "my son brought them from the country only yesterday." "Which country?" the customer asked.

A Parish church was being beautified with a stained-glass window. The old sexton was watching the work.

The rector, seeing him thus intent, remarked, "Well, John, and what is your opinion of the window?"

"Well," was the reply, "in a opinionion, they might have been content w' the glass as God made it."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Sept. 19.	
Paris	124
New York	48 3/4
Brussels	34.93
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.13 3/4
Milan	89.32
Berlin	20.48
Stockholm	18.05
Copenhagen	18.10 1/2
Oslo	18.41
Viena	34.50
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	23.11
Lisbon	2.7/16
Athens	385
Bucharest	785
Rio	5.55/64
Buenos Aires	47.61/64
Bombay	1/5.16/16
Shanghai	2/4
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—*British Wireless.*

IN CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.

WELCOME FOR VICTORIOUS TROOPS.

THE RAILWAY INCIDENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 19. Elaborate preparations are being made to welcome back the "Iron Soldiers" composing the Fourth and Eleventh Regiments under General Chang Kai-shek, the "ever-victorious" commander who never knew defeat in the Northern Expedition from Canton to Changchew in Honan. His soldiers drove back the enemy more than a thousand miles. Last night, the artificial gate-entrances erected for this occasion were illuminated and inscribed with words of welcome to the victorious troops, who happen to be all Cantonese. Representatives of the Government left for Shui Kwan and Nam Hung to offer an advance welcome to these soldiers who are expected to arrive to-day or tomorrow.

General Chang Kai-shek himself, it is understood, is not returning with his soldiers but will arrive via Hongkong. A late report says that he has reached Hongkong and will proceed to Canton arriving at the same time as his troops arrive from the North. His total forces are not exactly known but are stated to include three artillery battalions and several picked infantry battalions.

According to a well-informed source, General Chang's soldiers will garrison the city.

Chiung Shih Wanted.

For fear that telegrams alone will not induce the generalissimo Chiung Kai-shek to come out of his retirement, leading officials in Canton have sent Mr. Chu Ka-wah, ex-commissioner of Civil Affairs, to Chekiang in order to persuade Chiung to cancel his resignation. Mr. Chu left this morning on his mission.

The Provincial Kuomintang has passed a resolution in favour of retaining the post of Commander-in-Chief, lately occupied by Generalissimo, Chiung Kai-shek. This organization strongly desires Chiung to retain that important post. On Thursday next another muster will be held on East Parade Ground as a result of which leading officials and public organizations will telegraph to the Nationalist Government in Nanking advocating that the post of Commander-in-Chief should not be abolished.

A holiday has been declared for that day so that all public bodies, governmental organs, and schools can participate in the parade. As on previous occasions, all stores must hang out a white pennant inscribed "Retain the post of Commander-in-Chief."

Taxes Postponed.

In view of public agitation against the luxury and stamp taxes, General Fung Chuk-man, Commissioner of Finance, has announced that the enforcement of these taxes will be temporarily postponed. These taxes were recently directly responsible for the recent financial crisis. General Fung has also instructed all heads of police stations to press delinquent merchants to pay up the remainder of the \$10,000,000 loan.

Safety on Railway.

To ensure the safety of passengers travelling on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, the Government has despatched a detachment of soldiers and several engineers on a special train to inspect the line prior to the departure of express and local trains. This is to deal with bandits who may cause damage to the track as was done early last week. The soldiers will carry a machine gun on the special carriage. The Railway Administration is determined not to lose passenger traffic in view of the flourishing business now being done.

LEVINE THE ELUSIVE.

IN-PARIS WHEN WANTED IN LONDON.

London, Sept. 19. An extraordinary position has developed with regard to the projected flight by Mr. Levine to Karachi. The machine was ready for the flight to-day, and the weather conditions were favourable, but Levine is in Paris, and efforts to communicate with him were unsuccessful. Capt. Hinchcliffe, interviewed, said that Levine told him that he would return to-day. If Levine arrived in time he proposed to start to-morrow morning, but if they did not get away by Thursday he would be reluctantly compelled to give up the attempt, as his leave from the Imperial Airways would shortly expire.—*Reuter*.

PLAIN ADVICE TO SHANGHAI.

MERCHANTS SHOULD REFUSE TO PAY EXTRA.

ADVICE FROM LONDON.

London, Aug. 25. There is a good deal of attention paid to Chinese matters, though less to the political situation, which most have given up trying to understand. The following correspondence probably will be read with interest:—

"Dear Sir Austen.—As Lancashire naturally possesses very considerable interest in the question, I should very much like to know the exact position of the Foreign Office in respect to the revision of the Chinese tariff by the Nanking Government. I realise, of course, the difficulties in the way of doing anything of an effective nature, but I should appreciate a statement as to how matters stand, and whether the Ministry is hopeful at all of securing the avoidance of irresponsible tariff making of the nature to which I have referred.—

Yours faithfully,
J. Duckworth, M.P.

Aug. 6, 1927.

"Dear Mr. Duckworth.—The position with regard to the tariff as to which you inquire in your letter of August 6 is that the Nanking Government claim no longer to be bound by the unilateral tariff restrictions imposed upon China by the 'unequal treaties' and have accordingly issued mandates imposing a surtax of 50 per cent. on tonnage dues, effective on July 11, and putting into operation as from September 1 a provisional national tariff law imposing, in addition to the present duty of five per cent. ad valorem, surtaxes on foreign imports of 7½ per cent. ordinary goods, 15 or 25 per cent. according to class, on luxuries and of 57½ per cent. on alcoholic liquors and tobacco products. A further mandate abolishes as from the same date all taxes on goods in transit, including likin, native Customs duties, transit dues, coasting trade duties, coastwise export duties and destination tax. These measures are first to be put into operation in the six provinces, Kiangsu, Anhui, Chekiang, Fukien Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

"The abolition of taxes on goods in transit is a reform for which we have been pressing for many years past, and though the ability of the Nanking Government to abolish likin and destination tax may well be doubted, the other taxes mentioned in this category are collected by the Maritime Customs and can, in fact, be effectively abolished by a stroke of the pen. This would be a great relief to trade not so much on account of the amount of the tax remitted, but because it would remove any harassing restrictions on the movement of goods. On the other hand, the revenue collected by the Customs would be diminished and this would *pro tanto* prejudice the position of the obligations secured on the Customs.

"We feel that the exercise of tariff autonomy by a regional authority should be resisted if any effective means can be found of doing so, and we have some hope that, if the merchants of Shanghai unite in refusing to pay the additional taxes, and are supported in their attitude by their respective governments, with whom we are also consulting it may have the effect of inducing the Nanking Government to abandon, or at any rate considerably modify, their present proposals. It is an extremely difficult and complex situation, but we and our representatives in China are doing all that is possible to find some solution.—

Your sincerely,
Austen Chamberlain,
Foreign Office, London,
Aug. 16, 1927.

THREE BOYS SHOT.

BY SNIPE SHOOTERS NEAR FANLING.

Three Chinese boys were taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for attention yesterday suffering from gunshot wounds, which were caused, according to their report, by some Portuguese who were out snipe-shooting near Fanling.

So far the police have not received any report from anybody else regarding this accident and it is assumed that those who inflicted the wounds are not aware of the accidents. The injuries to the boys were very slight and they were discharged after being one night in the hospital.

Among the passengers arriving by the s.s. Empress of Canada this morning were Mr. L. Mrs. and Miss Dunbar, Mr. W. A. Watson, Mr. J. S. Gubby, Mr. S. J. Hicks and Miss Peyton.

HUNGARY'S DISPUTE WITH RUMANIA.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE FAILS TO MAKE PEACE.

BRITISH EFFORTS.

Geneva, Sept. 19. As a sequel to the Rumanian-Hungarian dispute, Sir Austen Chamberlain has asked the League Council to relieve him of the functions of rapporteur for the December meeting of the Council with regard to the dispute.

Despite an earnest and animated conference between Count Apponyi and M. Titulesco, of Rumania, this morning, and a considerable discussion by the Council of the League, the Rumanian-Hungarian dispute has not been settled. Finally it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting of the Council in December.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, appealing for a settlement of the dispute, declared that Hungary had not made a single concession. He hoped the dispute would be settled by direct Rumanian-Hungarian negotiations before December.

Viscount Sato, of Japan, associated himself with Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, which made a marked impression on the Council.

Later, at the request of the members of the Council, Sir Austen Chamberlain has agreed to act as rapporteur in the Rumanian-Hungarian dispute, after pointing out that Britain's only interest in the matter was to seek equitable settlement of the dispute, thus safeguarding peace.

Disarmament Matters.

The League disarmament committee has passed a resolution inviting the League Council to summon an international conference on the question of the control of private and public manufacture of arms and war material, with a view to establishing equality between armament manufacturing and non-manufacturing nations.

The committee adopted a Belgian resolution in favour of keeping civil aviation completely distinct from military aviation.—*Reuter*.

Hungarian Opposition.

London, Sept. 19.

To-day's meeting of the Council of the League of Nations failed to remove the deadlock which had been reached in the dispute between Hungary and Rumania, and further discussion of the matter was adjourned until December.

Count Apponyi, the Hungarian delegate, had flatly refused to accept the report of Sir Austen Chamberlain in the report of the committee to which the dispute had been referred. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in making in vain a last appeal to the Hungarian delegate to accept the findings of the committee, declared that these had been reached after much anxious consideration. There could be no further discussion of the advice which had been given by the jurists appointed to consider the question, and it was unnecessary to go into the history of the case again. Under Article Eleven of the League Covenant, the Council had been constituted to act in matters which might trouble the peace of the world.

After it had been announced that the discussion would be postponed, Sir Austen Chamberlain asked to be relieved of his work as rapporteur of the committee, and requested the Council to elect a substitute for the December meeting. At the request of every member of the Council, however, Sir Austen Chamberlain agreed to withdraw his resignation.—*British Wireless*.

ZAGHLUL'S POLICY.

TO BE MAINTAINED BY FOLLOWERS.

Cairo, Sept. 19.

The recent death of Zaghlul Pasha is among the many factors conferring unusual importance on the Wafd Congress, at the conclusion of which a manifesto was issued affirming the intention of pursuing Zaghlul's policy and emphasising the necessity of friendly foreign relations, especially with Britain.

A meeting of the Wafd members of Parliament is called for September 26, and it is expected it will proclaim Mustapha Pasha Nahas as leader in succession to Zaghlul.—*Reuter*.

PROTECTION OF FAITH.

INDIAN LEGISLATION PASSED.

Simla, Sept. 19.

The Legislative Assembly by 61 to 26 passed the Bill dealing with penalties for scurrilous anti-religious writings.

Many amendments were negatived, but one, supported by the home member, making the offence non-bailable, was carried by 54 to 40.—*Reuter*.

MISSION PROPERTIES ARE MOLESTED.

MANY CASES REPORTED FROM HONAN.

PETTY ANNOYANCES.

Tientsin, Aug. 25.

The first attempt, since the missionaries left North Honan, to molest any mission property was reported from Changtze on June 22. A few nights before that date thieves entered the residence compound but were detected just as they had secured possession of Miss McIntosh's riches. The goatherd who observed them rang the church-bell and the raiders decamped without being able to carry off their booty.

On July 10 those in charge of the premises discovered that the same residence had been again visited by petty thieves, who had forced a lower window on the east side. Careful examination of the footprints inside showed that the raiders were a large barefoot man, accompanied either by a natural-footed woman or a boy. Apparently every room in the house had been visited, but the investigators could not tell how much property had been stolen.

On the same day a very heavy rain brought a sudden flood which entirely submerged the stone bridge over the Ilwan River a mile north-west of the compound and also completely filled the cellar of Dr. Netterfield's house.

Hospitals Broken Into.

The next report came from Hwanking, 140 miles south-west of Changtze. On July 7 armed soldiers of General Feng Yu-shiang's section of the Revolutionary Army scaled the wall of the mission compound in that place in broad daylight. They broke open the hospital and stole medicines, utensils and the bedding of 20 cots. Next they visited and broke into Mr. Boyd's house, carrying off clothing and other articles from there. After threatening the caretakers they decamped with their booty and, at the same time, led away two horses kept by Mr. Boyd for his country touring. These troops had just displaced those of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who had retreated northward.

At Changtze the sequence of events was somewhat similar. During the months of occupation by Chang Tso-lin's Northern troops the mission premises were not disturbed in the slightest. The schools went on as usual though the missionaries were not present. But with the arrival of the Southern forces the aspect of affairs changed.

Feng's Bad Temper.

On July 10 the vanguard of General Feng's army arrived in Changtze. On July 17 one of its medical officers, named Ho, accompanied by a number of armed soldiers forced their way into the compound of Erskine Men's Hospital and demanded from the caretakers the keys of the building. When these could not be given, having been brought away by the missionaries, the door was broken open and many things carried off. Dr. Netterfield's house was next visited and treated in the same manner. This disorderly conduct continued during the two following days.

On July 22 another company of the same Revolutionary Army broke open the new and beautiful Women's Hospital in an adjoining compound and carried off equipment and drugs. It is not yet reported that the home of the Women's Medical Staff has been entered but that word is likely to come any day as soldiers have quartered themselves in Erskine Hospital and have announced their intention to occupy all our residences. One of the keenest disappointments in the whole business is to find that the once orderly and trusted disciplinarian, General Feng Yu-shiang, has either deteriorated personally through his association with Moscow or, taking the most charitable view of the matter, has allied himself with disorderly elements which he cannot control. His violent temper and his unreliable judgment, long deplored by many of his best friends, seem to have been more to the fore than his good qualities during the last two years.

RAIN TO-MORROW.

TYPHOON OVER INDO-CHINA.

The Royal Observatory reported this forenoon as follows:

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened slightly.

The typhoon will enter the coast of Indo-China this afternoon, a little to the north of Tourane. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China. Forecast up to noon to-morrow: E. winds, strong, moderating; overcast, some rain.

A SHANGHAI SAFE BURGLARY.

RUSSIAN ON TRIAL FOR THE CRIME.

COMPLETE OUTFIT FOUND.

A man alleged to be a Russian, and named S. N. Shelegoff, appeared before Judge Li and Mr. Stevens, Senior Consul's Deputy, at the Provisional Court, Shanghai, on Friday, charged with having taken part in the sensational robbery on the premises of Messrs. Behara & Co., on May 21, in which a gang of Russians broke into a large safe and secured loot which was valued at Tls. 50,000.

Det.-Insp. Hunter, of Central Station, informed the Court that the gang had entered the premises by forcing the door, after they tried to obtain entry by breaking through the wall of the Brazilian Consulate. They then got into this office, which adjoins the premises of Messrs. Behara. The robbers opened a small safe, probably with a chisel and crowbar, and secured keys which opened the larger safe in which watches and other jewellery were kept. They tried to drill a hole in the safe, which contained diamonds, but could not get through. The gang left a button and a small bar behind. The button, the officer pointed out, corresponded to buttons on a coat in a room in which accused was arrested.

On May 27 witness, in company with Det. Sgt. Bebenin and the French police, raided room 24 in the Hotel de France, and arrested accused and a Chinese. The latter, a Portuguese subject, had since been sent to Macao for trial.

A Burglar Outfit.

The inspector went on to say that they found a complete kit of burglars' tools in accused's room, consisting of drills, nozzles for blow pipes, blow pipes, chisels, pliers, wrenches, and electric wiring, but no electric drills. He also found a pair of pants, to which fitted a small piece of cloth he had found on the burgled premises.

They searched the room and on a window ledge discovered a leather bag which contained some of the loot. Just as they broke into the room, the Chinese was in the act of handing an envelope containing six watches to accused. Accused told him, witness added, that on the night in question he had gone to Woosung Road, met one Vung, drank a bottle of liquor with him and had retired.

Witness then explained to the Court the use of blow pipes, to burn holes in iron.

Replying to Dr. Wilhelm, defending, Insp. Hunter said that accused was Russian, but that he had stated that he was a Brazilian subject. The Consul had, however, refused to recognize him.

Opening of a Safe.

Witness was of the opinion that the bar found on Messrs. Behara's premises had been used in the burglary, but could not state which of the articles seized in accused's room had been used. He believed that the smaller safe was opened by using a hammer, possibly a crowbar, and a chisel, the top of which they wrapped in cloth to deaden any noise. He saw no signs of a blow pipe having been used, but he did think that the robbers drilled a hole in the unopened safe.

The tools which the police seized whilst the raid was in progress were not rusty, but clean—the exhibits had rusted since seizure.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What proportion of the world's wool is produced in Australia and New Zealand?
2. What is Spillet?
3. What is the most valuable export of Persia?
4. Which is the largest city in Japan, and for what is noted?
5. What two countries together spin over half the world's cotton?
6. What is calypso?
7. Which is the larger city—San Francisco or Los Angeles?
8. What is the raw material for chocolate and cocoa, and by whom is the main supply produced?
9. What is the total volume of ocean waters?
10. What is Spitzbergen, and what is its principal product?
11. What river flows both to the north and to the south?
12. How long is the Panama Canal, and how long does it take a ship to pass through it?

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HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, Sept. 19.
The following are results in the
English Football League matches
played to-day:

First Division.

Blackburn 3, Manchester U. O.
Bury 5, Liverpool 2.

Second Division.

Port Vale 5, Bristol C. 1.

Third Divn. (South).

Charlton 0, Merthyr 0.

Third Divn. (North).

Halifax 2, Darlington 1.

—Reuter.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

NO COUPON YESTERDAY.

We regret that, owing to an
oversight, no football competition
coupon appeared in our yesterday's
issue, it being inadvertently omitted
during the process of making
up the paper.

The coupon appears in to-day's
issue as usual. This week's com-
petition will have to be confined to
four days—Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday.

The result of last week's com-
petition will be announced on Fri-
day.

AIR DERBY IN AMERICA.

FORTY-TWO PLANES ENTERED.

Roosevelt Field, Sept. 19.
Forty-two aeroplanes have as-
sembled for the Spokane air derby,
consisting of three trans-continent-
al races.

The first race is for light aero-
planes, over 2,350 miles. The second
is for heavy machines, over 2,275
miles. These involve compulsory
stops, whereas the third race will
be a non-stop one in which the com-
petitors will be free to take any
route.—Reuter's American Service.

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING.

CALIFORNIAN'S FEAT.

New York, Sept. 19.
The Californian swimmer, Byron
Summers, has made what is believed
to be the first non-stop swim round
Manhattan Island.
The time for the 40 miles was 8
hours, 56½ minutes.—Reuter's
American Service.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULT OF BOGEY COMPETITION.

The result of the September
Bogey Competition at Fanling,
played last week-end, was that
Capt. F. G. de Gros won, with a
score of "all square." The next
best score was returned by Capt.
W. E. Morris, two down.
There were nine entries.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI CHINESE WIN OVER SINGAPORE.

The "Grayrigge Challenge Cup,"
presented by the late Major G.
Grayrigge, S.V.C. in 1923 is for
a match known as the Far East
Interport Match to be contested
among the three Chinese Com-
panies, the Chinese Co., Shanghai
Volunteer Corps; that of the Singa-
pore Volunteer Corps, and that of
the Penang Volunteer Corps.
This cup cannot be won outright,
but will be retained by the winning
team for one year and the indi-
vidual members of the winning team
will be given a souvenir each as a
record of having held the trophy.
In the first year, the match was
between all the three teams, but
the Penang team dropped off the
next year. There are only two
teams competing now.

CIVIL SERVICE C. C.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Committee of
the Civil Service Cricket Club, for
the season ending July 31st, 1927
for presentation to the annual
general meeting of the Club, which
is to take place on Wednesday next,
Sept. 28th is as follows:—

Finance.—The statement of ac-
counts and balance sheet show the
club to be in a sound financial
position.

The thanks of the Club are due
to the auditors Messrs. James and
Bickford.

Membership.—The present total
membership is 251. During the
past year 24 members have resigned
and 32 new members have
joined.

Your committee record with
deep regret the deaths of Mr.
G. H. Haskett, Mr. G. Gipson and
Mr. W. Knight.

General.—It is a matter for re-
gret that the formation of a Social
Club at Beaconsfield Arcade did
not mature, but it is hoped in the
near future to enlarge the playing
ground and the club premises.

Cricket.—First Eleven, sixteen
matches were played during the
season, of which six were won, six
drawn and four lost; the batting
was, on the whole, good, but several
players showed a lack of mid-
week practice. Congratulations are
given to Mr. G. R. Sayer for a
sparkling 118 and on again top-
ping the batting averages. The
attack was unfortunate in losing
the services of Mr. E. B. Reed for
the greater part of the season and
although all the bowlers worked
hard and gave of their best it
was in this department that the
lack of young talent in the Club
was most noticeable. Mr. F. Baker
proved the most consistent bowler
and Mr. G. R. Sayer secured the
greatest number of wickets.

Second Eleven.—Played sixteen
matches, won five, lost nine, drawn
one. The season was not too suc-
cessful from a playing point of
view, but all games were keen and
enjoyable. The batting was con-
sistent, the bowling was weak.

Attendance at practice was
again the chief trouble with both
teams and every endeavour will be
made to provide suitable practice
pitches this season.

Acknowledgment and thanks are
accorded to Mr. P. L. Lambie and
Mr. F. H. Holdman for their ser-
vices as cricket representatives and
Mr. W. Fincher and Mr. W. Sayer
as scorers.

Tennis.—We did not enter any
teams in the Tennis League this
year, it being suggested that we
entertain officers and other ranks
of the Shanghai Defence Force.

The Committee regret having to
cancel the Club Championship
owing to lack of support.

Lawn Bowls.—Your Committee
desire to thank all lawn bowls
members for their support in
carrying out the League pro-
gramme.

Reviewing the season as a whole,
your Committee are of the opinion
that from a Club point we have
had a very successful one.

From a Team point of view, per-
haps results have not justified ex-
pectations.

The first team have played
twelve, won five and lost seven—
ten points.

After a disastrous start, the
team recovered to a great extent
and eventually finished fifth in
the table.

A little more boldness on the
part of the Selection Committee
earlier in the season would most
probably have yielded better re-
sults.

The policy of the Selection Com-
mittee has been to give all players
a game irrespective of ability, but
it is considered that it would be
in the best interests of the Club
were the best available side cho-
sen each week next year.

The whole of the playing fields
are in better condition now than
they have been for some consider-
able time, and the Cricket, Bowls
and Tennis sections all unite in
thanking Mr. Ross for his splendid
efforts on their behalf.

The Shanghai team has won the
"Grayrigge Cup" this year with an
aggregate score of 756 points as
against 751 points scored by the
Singapore team. It was a very
close match and was therefore im-
mensely interesting.

The cup has won by
Shanghai Team in 1924.
Singapore Team in 1925.
Shanghai Team in 1926.
Shanghai Team in 1927.

Serget. N. S. Li, having scored 84
points, was the high gun of Shang-
hai team, whereas L. Cpl. Tan Ah-
ling was the high gun of Singapore
team, having a score of 85 points.

ALL SET FOR TUNNEY AND DEMPSEY.

RECORD GATHERING FOR THURSDAY.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—All prize-
fight promotions and all attend-
ance records will be shattered next
Thursday when Jack Dempsey,
former heavyweight champion of
the world, and Gene Tunney, pre-
sent title holder, crawl through the
ropes of the Soldier Field arena
here. Never before in the history
of athletics have prospects point-
ed to such a successful undertak-
ing. Nero and the days of the old
Roman Coliseum will be complet-
ly over-shadowed.

Huge Crowd.

A total of 161,000 persons are
expected to attend the battle and
the total gate receipts will prob-
ably exceed \$3,000,000. The ad-
vance seat sales have now reach-
ed a total of more than \$2,000,000,
and as the day of the fight draws
nearer, the ticket agents are
swamped with orders.

Being centrally located, Chicago
is attracting thousands of fight
fans from the west who would not
have attended had the site of the
battle been located in an eastern
city. More than 60,000 out of
town fans are expected.

All tickets for the scrap will be
inspected six times before holders
will be permitted to enter the Sol-
dier Field Stadium. The first in-
spection will be made by 2,000
police who are to be stationed
around the arena. Two thousand
ushers will show the patrons to
their seats.

G.\$40 Ringside.

The business of arranging Sol-
dier Field is progressing rapidly
and to date, workmen have placed
14,000 chairs in the so-called \$40
a seat ringside section. Eleven
thousand more of these seats re-
main to be placed.

Heat and humidity are Gene
Tunney's toughest opponent in his
training.

For the last three days Gene
has evaded the heat by training
with society friends on Lake
Michigan shores, but the program
now calls for more intensive work
despite the temperature.

SCHNEIDER CUP TRIALS.

RECORD CLAIMED FOR ITALIAN MACHINE.

Rome.—King Victor Emmanuel
and the heir to the throne, as well
as Signor Mussolini, will be among
the spectators during the race for
the Schneider Cup, which has been
fixed to take place at Venice on
September 25.

The Italian competitors are al-
ready racing over the course in
trial flights, in the course of
320 m.p.h. has been attained.

There is the greatest curiosity
as to the performance of the En-
glish and America machines, none
of which is yet known to have
touched the 300 m.p.h. mark.

More than 6,000 American visi-
tors alone are expected in the
town.

The Americans have since
dropped out, and the British claim
to be able to exceed 300 m.p.h.
without difficulty.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST OFFICER CHANGES.

Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, chief officer,
Leasang, has gone chief officer
Hopsang. Mr. C. I. H. Hendry,
chief officer, Changwo, has gone
chief officer, Leasang.

Mr. F. Webster, chief officer,
Hopsang, has gone chief officer,
Yatsing. Mr. J. M. Middenway,
chief officer, Yatsing, has gone
chief officer, Changwo.

Mr. N. Cook, chief officer, Tung-
wo, is on reserve. Mr. J. Bow-
man, sup'y second officer, Suwo,
has gone second officer, Tungwo.
Mr. J. J. McLeavy, second officer,
Tungwo, has gone acting chief
officer, same ship.

Mr. H. D. Hall has been appoint-
ed second officer, Hangsang.

Mr. J. Adam, from reserve, has
gone third engineer, Yatsing. Mr.
E. J. Grainger, third engineer,
Yatsing, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Turnbull, chief engineer,
Fuho, has gone chief engineer,
Tungwo. Mr. A. Buntan, chief
engineer, Tungwo, has gone chief
engineer, Fuho.

Mr. A. J. Bogley, second en-
gineer, Loongwo, has gone chief
engineer, Fausang. Mr. G. Porter-
field, from reserve, has gone
second engineer, Loongwo.

An order has been issued by the
Shanghai Chinese authorities re-
specting the instructions, to the
Chinese Post Office to refuse trans-
mission of the North China Daily
News through the posts.

"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY FOR EASY FORECASTS.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers
who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English
and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday
next, September 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal
scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize
of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number
of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers send-
ing in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

Read the Rules below and follow them carefully:—

Rules of Competition.

1. All forecasts must be contained
on coupons cut from the "Hongkong
Telegraph," the name of address in
the coupon to be plainly printed in
block letters in ink.

2. All envelopes must be addressed
to the "Hongkong Telegraph," 1/3,
Wyndham Street, and marked
"Football Competition" on the front,
with sender's name (without address)
on the back.

3. Any number of attempts may
be sent in, but a separate coupon must
be used for each attempt.

4. The prizes of \$50 will be award-
ed to the competitor who sends in
twelve correct forecasts on one
coupon. If there is no correct fore-
cast of all twelve matches, a prize
of \$25 will be awarded to the com-
petitor who sends in the greatest
number of correct forecasts on one
coupon. In the event of more than
one competitor forwarding an equal
winning number of forecasts, the
\$25 will be divided equally between
such competitors. No competitor,
however, will be entitled to more
than one share of the prize.

5. All forecast coupons must reach
the "Telegraph" office not later than
12 o'clock (noon) on Saturday.
Coupons received after that time will
be disqualified.

6. The results of each week's
Competition will be announced in the
"Telegraph" of the Fridays follow-
ing the dates on which the matches
are played.

7. Competitors who have forwarded
eight or more correct forecasts must
send in claims for the prize. Enve-
lopes containing such claims must be
marked "Football Claim" and must
reach this office not later than the
Wednesday following the dates on
which the matches are played, fail-
ing which they will not be considered.

No prize will be awarded for which a
claim has not been made.

8. The "Telegraph" will accept no
responsibility for the loss or non-
delivery of coupons. No correspon-
dence or interviews will be entered
into concerning this Competition.

MARK YOUR ENVELOPES "FOOTBALL" ON THE
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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no
marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.
If you forecast eight or more results correctly on one coupon,
don't forget to make a claim not later than the Wednesday following.
Watch the "Telegraph" on Fridays for results.

INDIAN GUARDS ON STEAMERS.

SHIPPING OPINION AGAINST THEM.

Under the heading "The Use-
lessness of Indian Guards," the
Shanghai journal *Shipping and En-
gineering* states:

"In November, 1924, the Govern-
ment of Hongkong appointed a
committee to investigate and re-
port upon the whole question of
the protection of British vessels
against piracy. The Committee,
well leavened with Government
officials, held a number of meet-
ings, but no report of the Com-
mittee as such was ever made; or,
if one was made, it was never ac-
cording publicity. On January 10,
1925, however, there was issued a
Minority Report, signed by three
members of the Committee—Mr.
Neillage S. Brown, representing the
Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce; Mr. T. N. Chau, repre-
senting the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce in Hongkong; and Cap-
tain T. T. Laurensen, representing
the combined China Coast Officers'
Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild
of China. The signatories to that
Minority Report were fully repre-
sentative of those who were chiefly
concerned with piracy and its
effects—the commercial and ship-
ping interests, and the interests
of the officers who man the ships.

The Minority Report contained
many strong and pertinent re-
marks and recommendations, but
among the strongest was the re-
ference to the Indian guards who
are compulsorily carried on ships
coming under the provisions of the
Hongkong Anti-piracy Regula-
tions; and there is not the slight-
est reason for thinking that the
comments then made are not ap-
plicable to-day.

No Confidence in Them.

We read that "neither owners
whose property is at stake nor
officers whose lives are at stake
have the slightest confidence in
them (the Guards). Their train-
ing is inadequate and their dis-
cipline is bad, and their bad dis-
cipline affects the other mem-
bers of the crew. Whilst in port the
Indian guards consider themselves
as being off duty and take no part

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on Sep-
tember 24th:—

DIVISION I.

Bolton v Middlesbro.
Derby C. v Arsenal
Preston v Leicester

DIVISION II.

Blackpool v Bristol C.
Chelsea v West Brom.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Bristol R. v Swindon
Northampton v Norwich

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Crewe v Hartlepool
Rochdale v Southport

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Motherwell v Rangers
Aberdeen v Falkirk
Celtic v Clyde

Name

Address

No. 4. Date

9. No match contained in the
coupon which, from any cause, is not
played to a finish will be counted.

10. No member of the "Telegraph"
staff will be permitted to compete in
this competition.

11. The Editor's decision must be
accepted as final on all points in
dispute in connexion with the Com-
petition.

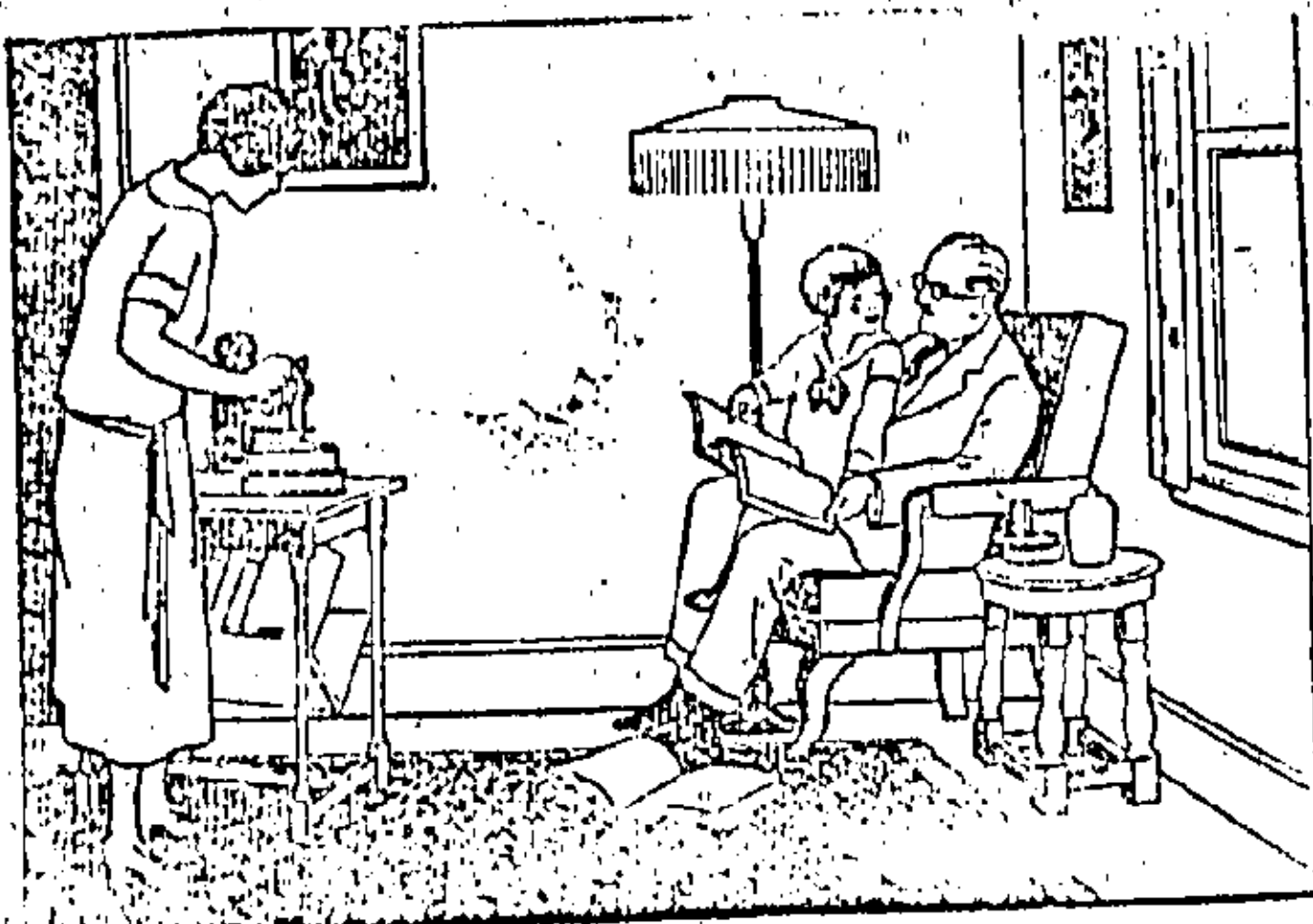
in searching the people who come
on board. It is the unanimous
opinion of shipowners and officers
that the guards could and should
be dispensed with from the ship." In
an appendix to the same Re-
port, the then Senior Naval Officer
in Charge of West River Patrols
also indicted the system of the
employment of Indian guards;
another appendix contained a
damning list of serious derelictions
of duty on the part of these
same guards from February to
December, 1924.

But nothing was done and the
guards still are employed; and the
fact that there has since been a
large number of piracies in which
the guards have emphasised their
uselessness from every point of
view seems to have had no real
effect in high quarters.

Cost \$900,000.
Approximately 900 Indian guards
are employed at a total annual
cost to the shipping companies of
about \$900,000. Shipping men and
shipowners are of opinion that the
expenditure of this huge sum is
an avoidable waste of money.

When, if ever, will the Hongkong
Government come to their way of
thinking? Apart from their cost,
the Indian guards are subversive
of discipline and are considered
a downright nuisance by practi-
cally every ship's officer who has
dealings with them. Their elimi-
nation would in no manner in-
crease the danger from pirates;
it would relieve the minds of the
officers of the ships; and it would
stop a drain on the coffers of the
shipowners. Is it, therefore, too
much to hope that when the new
regulations which we understand
are being brought into being in
Hongkong come up for discussion
and decision, the Government, in
this one instance, will take notice
of the opinions of those who prob-
ably know much more about
piracy and piracy-prevention than
the average Government arm-chair
servant?

Hongkong estate to the value of
\$8,400 was left by Lal In-shi, late
of 7 Triangle Street, Hongkong, a
widow, who owned the business of
the Ying Kee Ricksha Owners. Pro-
bate has been granted to her
daughter-in-law, Lal Leung-shi, a
married woman, living at the same
address.



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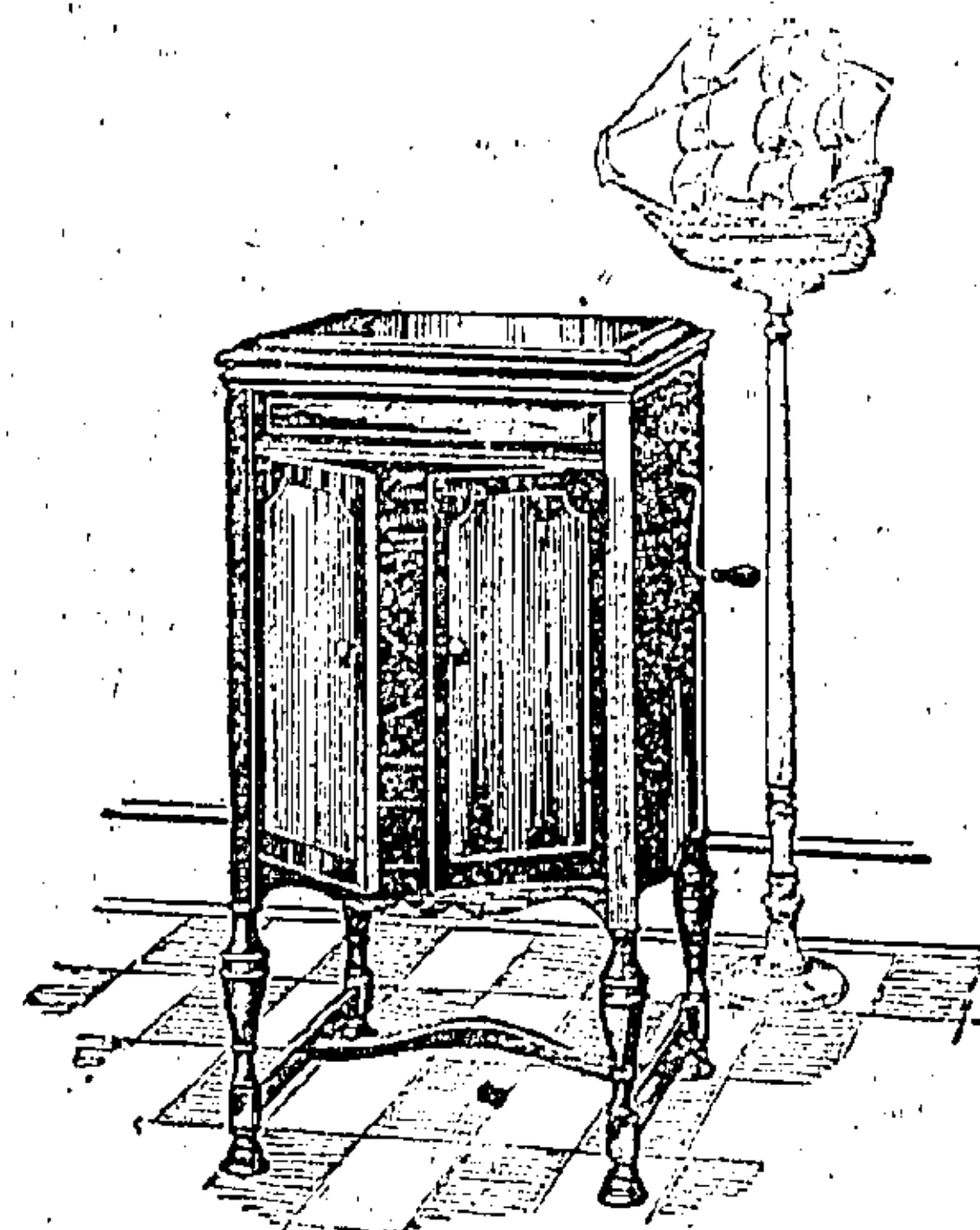
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WHITE RUSSIANS.

GRADUALLY ABSORBED IN SHANGHAI.

Local estimates, by those in a position to know, of the numbers of unemployed White Russians in Shanghai at the present time, show the League of Nations figures as 10,000 to be an exaggeration, says the N.C.D. News. What is considered likely, however, is that there are 10,000 White Russians out of employment in the whole of China rather than in Shanghai alone.

Here the local estimate is considered not more than 1,000 unemployed White Russians out of a community numbering approximately 8,000 White Russians. Of that number, needy and destitute refugees who are unable to obtain a means of livelihood can be said accurately to be not more than 800 at the present writing, the additional 200 to make 1,000 mark being accounted for by the loafers who make no attempt to find employment.

Shifting Populations.

That these figures vary monthly is another point to be considered. The White Russian community is at all times a shifting one, and prospects for the winter are anything but cheerful. There is a possibility that many of those now employed temporarily may be out of work during the winter.

Strikes, necessitating workers other than Chinese, and the various kinds of occupation offered through the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force, have been responsible for diminishing the total number out of work at present. With winter, however, and the influx of other Russian refugees from Shantung province and Tsingtao, where summer employment was possible, it is thought that the total number of unemployed Russians will be about 2,000.

Few Practicable Features.

Regarding the efforts now on foot for getting as many as possible of these Russians to more productive fields, it may be said that the financial aspects of the undertaking have up to the present time practically prevented the dream from becoming a reality. There is no single organization devoted solely to this task of getting Russians to the farm lands of the Argentine as being considered by the League of Nations.

It is pointed out by local Russians in touch with the situation that the scheme has had up to now few practicable features. The Russian population of Shanghai numbers a very small percentage amongst it who have ever been farmers or know anything about farming, or even, who come of farming stock.

Shanghai Saturated.

There is no mass immigration to any country from China by White Russians at the present time, and the fact that the League of Nations is considering the matter of providing this large group with some means of sustenance, indicates a possible future solution of their problem.

Shanghai at present has reached saturation point in the absorption of White Russians looking for jobs. Those who came here in 1923 fared better than more recent arrivals, and those who have migrated to Shanghai during the current year are having a specially difficult time.

Those who arrived four years ago for the most part now have small positions which permit them to eke out an existence without making demands upon the various charitable organizations which help wherever possible needy Russians.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

COAL PASSER SCALDED TO DEATH.

Mariano Alfaro Madeo, age 23, was scalded to death at 2 p.m. last Thursday when the port boiler of the s.s. Consuelo, Madrigal and Company steamer, exploded, at Manila. Alfaro was in the direct path of the scalding hot water and received burns on his legs, face, arms and body that resulted in his almost immediate death.

Alfaro together with four others, employed as coal passers, were in the boiler room of the Consuelo when the explosion occurred. The other workmen, however, were within easy reach of the door and made good their escape.

Alfaro, who happened to be working nearer the boiler than the other four, received only a few burns when the explosion occurred but in his efforts to reach the door, he tripped over some obstacle, and the scalding water, coming from the boiler in jets, covered him from almost head to foot. Secret service officials are investigating the explosion.

SHANGHAI'S STATUS.

DISCUSSED BY "LIONS" AT TSINGTAO.

Twenty-five Lions and friends sat down to tiffin at Flossell's Cafe, Tsingtao, recently and after tiffin Mr. Norman F. Allman, late of the United States Consular Service, gave an address.

Mr. Allman stated that at this moment there are three different governments functioning at Shanghai—(1) At Nantao, (2) The French Concession, (3) The International Settlement, and to some extent, Chapel. With regard to the French Concession, since the year 1925 the French Consul has practically been entirely responsible for the running of this.

Speaking of the Municipal Council, Mr. Allman said that the status of the present Council, which has been in existence in its present form for about 25 years, is a matter in dispute. The Advisory Committee has proved a failure. The Land Regulations at Shanghai were made by British and American residents. There has been no ruling for Chinese participation in the Land Laws, neither have they legal rights in the Settlements.

The present Chinese view is to compromise, while the British and American communities incline to regard the strictly legal situation.

Because the Chinese pay from 55 to 60 per cent. of the taxation in the Concessions they have a right to more say in the administration. There are the extreme "Die-Hards" among the foreigners, and the extreme radicals among the Chinese. It is true that the Chinese may have fifty representatives upon the Municipal Council, but they want 50 per cent. Certainly one of the causes of friction is lack of social intercourse.

There are difficulties between the Consular Body and the Council. It is true that Shanghai to-day is the most peculiar government in the world. It is virtually a league of nations in operation—a little Republic.

The Council Body is made up of ultra-Conservatives, mostly the "Taipans" or heads of firms, and Shanghai would certainly be better were it a free city. There has been much friction with regard to the Courts. The Settlement police arrest criminals and hand them over to the Mixed Court to be dealt with.

Mr. Z. V. Lee stated that most of the nine Councilors are business men, directors of companies who could not devote their full time to Council affairs. He thought Shanghai would be better administered were the Councilors salaried men selected by vote. Mr. Allman thought that a salaried head running the council similarly to the manner in which a business man does would probably be a suitable arrangement.

At the conclusion, the guest of the day was heartily applauded.

A FORGED MORTGAGE.

MERCHANT PROVES HIS BONAFIDES.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon the case was concluded in which Ma Ya-ching was charged with obtaining a sum of \$1,000 by means of a forged mortgage deed and Yeung Ting-cho with being his accomplice.

The second defendant, who was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, stated that he was induced to affix his signature and chop to the document as a guarantor without being informed as to the position by the first defendant, who was a clansman of his. He pointed to his business standing in the Colony and named a number of firms with whom he had business relations.

His Worship said that the second defendant's explanation was such that it could be believed. He ordered the man's discharge.

As regards the first defendant, who was represented by Mr. A.E. Hall, his Worship, after hearing the prosecuting solicitor, Mr. W.L. Leask's address, said that clearly he was not one of the principals, not the principal at any rate, of the conspiracy. He would be sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Previous evidence had been to the effect that through the intermediary of a chain of brokers, an attempt was made to foist a forged mortgage deed in respect of a parcel of land in Tsing I Island, on a man named Chan Hing-chuen, which attempt was subsequently discovered when the real owner of the property turned up. By this time, the man who posed as the owner, as well as a Japanese and several other Chinese, had disappeared.

MORE MALARIA.

INCREASED INCIDENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

Malaria Fever is not a notifiable disease. The figures and tables given therefore are compiled from the registers of death says the M. O. H. in his report for 1926.

Deaths of Chinese are registered according to the district in which they occur. For this purpose there are five Registration Districts, namely, Victoria District which includes the Peak and the Harbour, Kowloon District which includes New Kowloon, Shaikwan, Aberdeen and Stanley Districts.

All Non-Chinese deaths are registered in Victoria, but it does not follow that, because a death from Malaria is registered in a given district, the infection was acquired in that district.

Malaria may be acute or chronic and it does not follow that, because a death from this disease happened in any one year, the infection was acquired in the same year.

The Death Rate.

The flow of the population to and from neighbouring Chinese territory, amounting in a year to more than the estimated population of the Colony, makes it impossible to say to what extent the infection of malaria causing deaths within the Colony may have occurred herein.

During 1926 the total deaths from malaria were 587 (702 in 1925). Of these 4 were Non-Chinese (10 in 1925).

This number of deaths is a percentage of 4.69 of the total registered deaths.

The Chinese deaths from malaria in the City of Victoria (excluding the Peak and Harbour) numbered 172 (200 in 1925) in an estimated population of 465,000 giving a death rate of 0.38 per thousand (0.43 in 1925).

The following table shows for thirteen successive years the deaths in the Colony from malaria fever expressed as a percentage of the total deaths registered each year and the incidence of such deaths per thousand of the population.

Year	Total deaths	Deaths per cent. of total
1914	241	2.51
1915	328	4.14
1916	337	3.19
1917	411	3.93
1918	388	2.93
1919	314	2.69
1920	332	2.67
1921	332	3.79
1922	454	3.11
1923	674	4.33
1924	707	4.54
1925	702	4.68
1926	587	4.69

This table suggests that malaria fever has increased its incidence during recent years.

The prominent Queensland grazier, Mr. Whittingham, who died recently, has bequeathed £100,000 to Ceelung Grammar School in Victoria.



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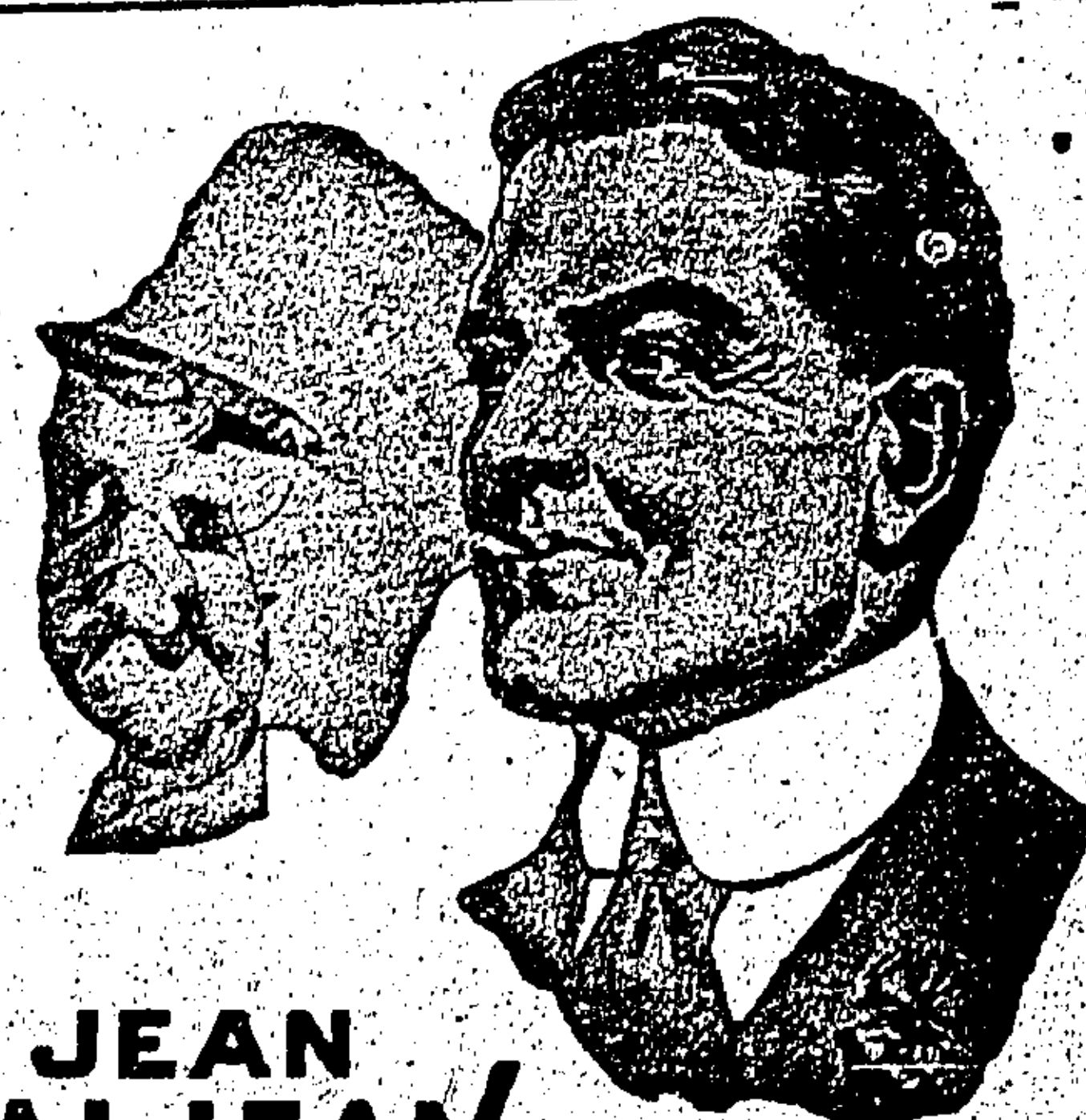
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JOHN MORLAY, who owns an enquiry agency, will not aid JULIAN LESTER to find out about the pretty

COUNTESS MARIE FIOLI, whom John admires. John is subsequently employed by

MRS. CARAWOOD, the guardian of the Countess, and her former nurse, to go about town with the girl as her protector. Meanwhile Julian has enlisted the services of

JOE SALTER, a burglar whom he caught at his flat, and

MARTIN, a private enquiry agent, to spy on the Countess and Mrs. Carawood. Julian calls at Mrs. Carawood's shop, and meets FENNER, an eccentric carpenter who admires Mrs. Carawood, and

HERMAN, a young man employed at the shop, and an abject admirer of the Countess. Julian learns to his astonishment that John Morlay has become a close friend of the ladies.

CHAPTER VIII.

The news was indeed overpowering. John Morlay had given an impression of pure disinterestedness, had spoken of Marie as a babe, and had been in a sense, slighting in his reference to her. Julian Lester was wise enough not to pursue his enquiries, for Herman's diplomacy was potent.

"Mrs. Carawood is a very nice woman," he said, and the boy's face glowed.

"Nice? I should say she was! They don't make any better. Are you a friend of hers?"

"Not exactly a friend," laughed Julian "but I may claim to be a friend of the Countess Fioli."

"M' lady? Good lord! She does know some high ones, don't she?" said Herman, with unconscious flattery.

"You know her rather well, I suppose?" asked Julian, and Herman did not detect the sarcasm.

"Know my lady? I should say I did! Why, Mrs. Carawood brought her up in this shop when she was a little baby and I was a kid running errands. That was before Mrs. Carawood had all these stores. Everybody round this neighbourhood knows m' lady," he added surprisingly.

"She always comes here when she's in London."

"She doesn't live here?"

Herman nodded vigorously.

"M' lady's goin' to have an apartment of her own, and a maid of her own too. But she always comes here when she's in London."

"She is very rich, isn't she?" asked Julian carelessly, and Herman frowned.

"That I can't tell you, sir. I don't see how you can be a countess without being rich," he added.

It was at that moment that Mrs. Carawood came in, looking pretty in her rather youthful hat and the bright green coat which she almost immediately took off. In her less worried moments she had an air of humour of her own. That she was a woman of the people it did not need any great amount of acumen to discover. There was the slightest Cockney twang in her tone, and her manner had something of the sparrow's pertness.

"Good morning, sir," she looked enquiringly at Julian. "Are you being attended to?"

Julian smiled ingratiatingly.

"Don't tell me you've forgotten me Mrs. Carawood. I'm Julian Lester."

He saw her face change and suspicion came to her eyes.

"Oh, yes, sir, I had forgotten. You're a friend of my lady's aren't you?" He saw the quick little smile that faded instantly.

"I am, and I am a friend of your lady's," he said, smilingly he shook his head.

"I haven't a great deal of use for the articles you sell, Mrs. Carawood."

"I don't suppose you have, sir," she said, "and I hope your wife will never have either. But of course, if you want to sell, my terms are—all clothing must be guaranteed free from moth, infection, and mildew. Goods must remain in my store for examination for three days before purchase is concluded, and the acceptance of wardrobes for inspection and examination does not necessarily imply an undertaking on the part of Carawood's emporium to complete the purchase."

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As the train was running into Gloucester she took a letter from her bag and read it, half smiling, half frowning, at its unusual contents. John Morlay she remembered well enough. He was a type of man not likely to fade from the mind of susceptible girlhood.

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SHANTUNG FAMINE FEARED.

DRY SEASON AFFECTS PRODUCE.

THE BRIGAND PEST.

Choutsun, Shantung, Sept. 8. The missionaries of the English Baptist Mission in Shantung have all returned to their stations. The Shantung Christian University is in full swing. The foreign members of the staff have returned to work. From Tsingtao to Tsinan the country is very quiet. South of Tsinan military movements make travel difficult, but men of the Anglican and Presbyterian Missions are making prolonged visits to the stations. If war is kept out of Shantung there is a prospect that mission work may proceed normally.

Unfortunately the area around Tsinan, extending for about one hundred miles in all directions, is facing famine conditions. Millet and corn are very poor indeed, and the bean crop is an absolute failure. Almost every farmer planted beans twice, some planted them three times, following slight rains. But the season has been so dry that they have not come to fruition. The Shantung farmer depends so much on his bean crop, and with its failure following several poor years, he is faced with starvation.

Further the taxes on the land have been greater than the yield. We hear of still another tax demand coming and the farmers say that the only happy person is he without land. Then again the locust pest has been prevalent and whilst this pest is partial in its favours, a tremendous number of farmers have suffered. Altogether the outlook for the winter in this region is bad for famine conditions must prevail.

Bandits Abound.

Bandits are still numerous. There are thousands in the hill district led by a man called Black Seven Lew. They are always a menace to the Kiaochow Railway, so forces have to be kept to protect the line. Their depredations among the hill villages are alarming. Another centre for bandits is the delta of the Yellow River. They have their dangerous places among the deep there marshes and there they keep their captives. These captives dare not attempt to escape, lest missing the path they are swallowed up in the treacherous muddy silt of the river. The bandits come up stream dragging their boats to the place they desire, wait till nightfall, then sail forth to some unsuspecting village. Captives and loot are then carried down stream on the fast flowing current to the marshes.

Taxation, bandits, locusts and drought are having their effect on our schools. Students are fewer than usual. Their parents are more concerned with keeping themselves alive than with the education of their offspring. Further with every land tax a certain percentage goes to schools, and the numerous taxes this year have so filled the coffers that many government schools not only remit fees but also provide books and food.

Last night about 8 o'clock European and Chinese detectives conducted three raids, visiting the ground and second floors of 54 Square Street, the ground floor of 233, Hollywood Road, and the first floor of 3, Sun Sai Street, reports the vernacular papers. While the Police were entering the last place a Chinese, probably trying to escape, jumped into the street from the first floor of the house, and was severely injured. Late last night the police were still seen busily conducting their search in the three houses mentioned, adds the vernacular press.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Van Overstraten, Tango, Maru, Shinyo Maru, Hakome Maru, Katori Maru, Hakata Maru, Riksenor, President Cleveland, Adolf Von Baeyer, Talmia, Coblenz, Nyanza, Hosang, Soochow, Sinkiang, Honghwa and Hirundo.

Morlay, as though I were your butler. Of one thing you may be certain—that I shall not pry into your guilty past, nor examine your finger-prints, nor connect you in any way with the unsolved mysteries of years gone by.

Sincerely yours, John Morlay.

She had read the letter many times. It amused her, as he intended it should, but it had not alarmed her. She knew something of Mrs. Carawood's peculiar nervousness where she was concerned, and indeed, once she had laughingly suggested the hiring of an escort. And John Morlay was rather nice. He was more than rather nice, he was very nice. He was very good-looking too. Marie wondered whether, in the manner of other girls whose romances had been confined to her, she would fall in love with her guardian.

(To be Continued).

MISSIONARIES BACK AT POSTS.

THE WAR'S RAVAGES IN SHANTUNG.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Tsinan, Shantung, Aug. 28. After about five months absence from the city the members of the Presbyterian Mission are returning to their work here. Dr. Semour, the physician in charge of the hospitals is back from Peitaiho and Mr. Barnes of the evangelistic department is back from Tsingtao. Others may follow later.

The foreign residences here had been sealed by the Tao Tai and were found in good shape and nothing missing. No mission property was occupied by soldiers except the Boys' Primary School and the Women's Bible School. Both have now been vacated by soldiers. The places occupied were left in a filthy condition, with equipment broken and scattered about in all directions. Some furniture as beds, tables, desks, etc. have been carried off. The Boys' High School was used as a Red Cross station and suffered no harm.

We see evidence all about us of the recent battle when 1,000 of Feng Yu-shiang's cavalry attacked the city. Our mission compound was in the direct line of attack as they had evidently located the Northern soldiers occupying the property. The windows on the South side of our residences have many bullet holes.

Effects of Shell-fire.

In some cases the bullets have passed through an inside room wall also.

Many windows in other buildings have been smashed by bursting shells, quite a number of which fell on our premises. We hear that the Red Cross Society is reporting over 1,000 killed and wounded in the attack on the city. The figure is probably far too high. A nearer estimate would be about 400.

Feng's troops appeared without warning. The railway station yielded rich booty in the nature of \$200,000 intended for payment of the Northern troops, and 300,000 rounds of ammunition. It is reported that many local bandits joined with the soldiers in the attack and of course got their share of the spoil. Feng's troops have a good reputation in this part of the country. They do not oppress the people and pay for what they take.

The country about here is still much disturbed by bandits. The city, however, seems quiet, and the train service is about normal.

A "TRIVIAL" CASE.

ENDED BY PAYING FIVE CENTS.

Ruhr Singh, an Indian watchman, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, with refusing to pay his tramfare.

In answer to the charge defendant made a statement to the effect that he was asleep and therefore could not tender his fare.

Evidence was given by the conductor of a car running between Whitty Street and Happy Valley. It was stated that the defendant entered the second class at Post Office and paid his fare which entitled him to a ride up to the Monument. When he was approached at the Monument he was found to be asleep. The conductor pushed him slightly but the Indian did not wake up. When eventually the conductor tried to explain where the car was and why the Indian should pay his fare again. But the Indian could not be made to understand and when the car reached the No. 2 Police Station a policeman was summoned to help remove the defendant from the car.

Mr. Lindsell remarked at the end of this witness' evidence that the man should not have been charged at all. It seemed to him a trivial case which might have been settled at the No. 2 Police Station. He ordered the defendant to pay 5 cents to the Hongkong Tramway Company.

Defendant promptly handed over a coin to the conductor who was in court.

A Chinese has been sentenced to eight months' hard labour for returning from banishment. He was banished from Hongkong in 1923 for ten years but was arrested yesterday by Sub-Inspector Shaftain who noticed him in a street squabble, in which the defendant was being accused of having picked a man's pocket. Police records showed that the man had been in prison on three occasions before he was banished. The defendant pleaded that he was passing through the Colony on his way to negotiate some business for his mother who lives at Saikung.



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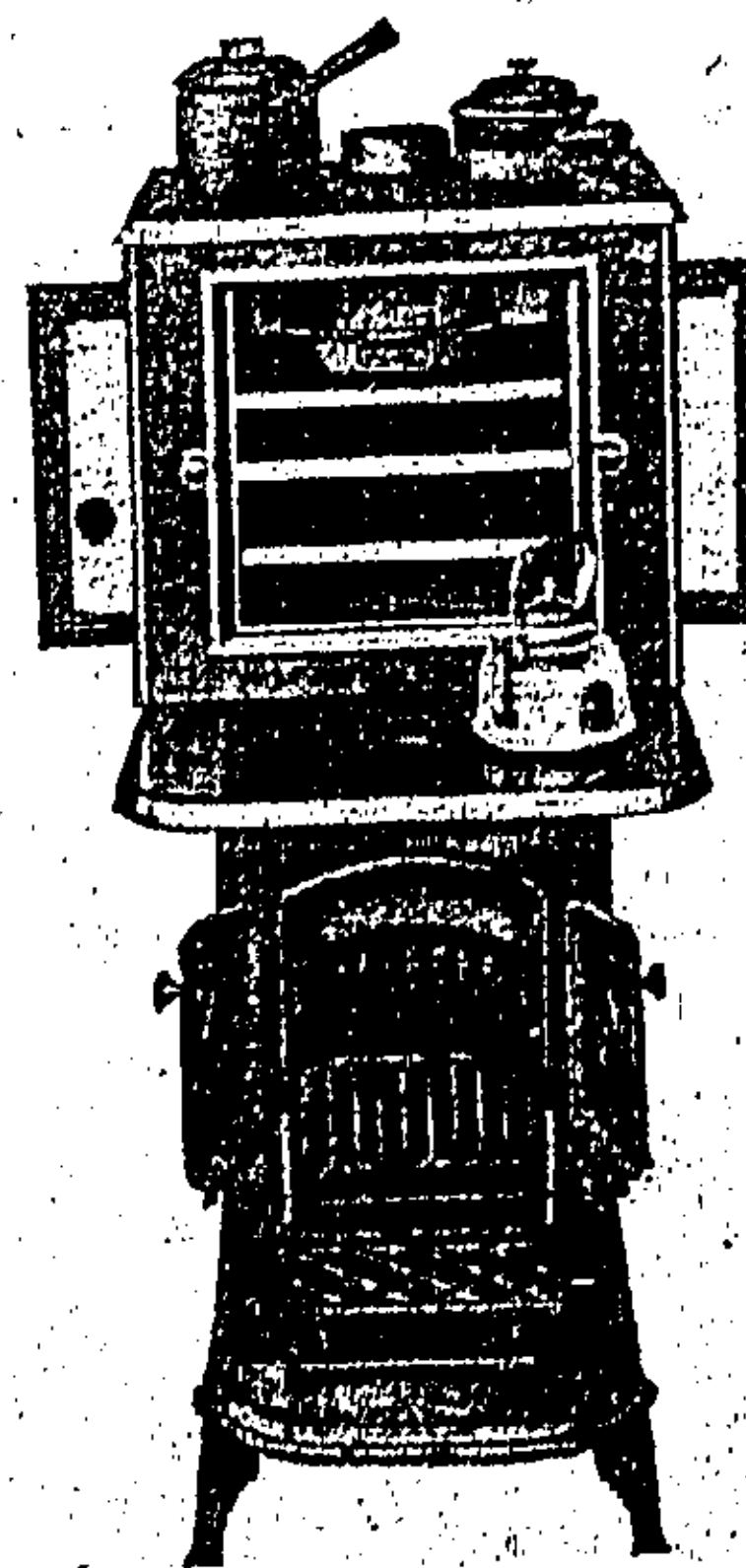
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HORROR OF A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

It is difficult for us to imagine that less than a century ago, chimneys were swept by poor boys, who were trained to climb up the inside of the vent and clear away the soot, comments a Home paper.

Exactly a century has elapsed since John Bentley, a London man, invented his machine for sweeping chimneys. But long after 1827 the scandal of the chimney boys still persisted. Indeed, little more than fifty years ago—in 1875, to be exact—a chimney-climbing boy was suffocated while pursuing his calling, and the sweep who employed him was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Bentley's invention was quite a simple one, consisting of a circular brush attached to the end of a long rod, which, made in sections, could be lengthened or shortened as desired. The brush was pushed up the chimney and moved up and down. As one section after another of the rod was detached, the whole of the chimney was swept.

There was little regard for the welfare of children in those days, and Bentley's invention made little or no impression upon public opinion. It was not, indeed, until the horrors of the life of the chimney boy, and the obvious advantages of the new mechanical contrivance, were continuously dinned into the ears of the public through the efforts of an organisation called the "Society for Superseding the Necessity of Climbing Boys," that people began to take an interest in the evil and in Bentley's means of removing it.

Years of Agitation.

It required seven more years of agitation, however, before Parliament was prevailed upon to pass an Act dealing with this matter; and even then the Legislature went no further than to prohibit the sweeping of chimneys by boys if they were under ten years of age. Not until 1864 was it made a crime to send lads up chimneys to clean them, and were magistrates empowered, in cases of convention under this Act, to substitute a sentence of hard labour for a fine on the offending employer.

Yet the whole story of the miserable chimney boys is such that one wonders that the practice should have been tolerated in any civilised community in the nineteenth century. Lads of nine or ten years of age were regularly employed in this unhealthy and dangerous occupation. Even mere infants of four years were known to be so engaged all too often.

Training for their revolting task often consisted of sheer terrorisation, and stories are told of cruel and callous employers who, in order to "encourage" an apprentice who had been driven some little distance up the chimney and, either from fear of defiance, refused to climb any

BACK TO JAIL.

HIDING-PLACE DISCOVERED.

The two convicts, John Wilson and Arthur Sidney Stanger, who escaped from Strangeways Jail, Manchester, were recaptured about nine o'clock the following night in an empty house in Glazebrook Lane, near Cadishead, between Manchester and Warrington.

Shortly before this the Leigh (Lancs.) police had been informed by a Cadishead resident that two men answering the descriptions of the fugitives had been seen in a field in the Glazebrook district.

Supt. Whitehead at once rushed by motor car with a posse of policemen to Glazebrook, and joined a body of Cadishead police officers. They made an intensive search of the neighbourhood, which is fairly open country, and the convicts were seen hiding in a cornfield.

The men evidently saw that the policemen had discovered them, for they ran away, and in the dusk sought cover in one of several partly built houses.

No Resistance.

More than a score of villagers had joined the chase, and one of them saw the convicts enter the empty house. They at once told the police, and Sergeant Jenkinson, of Cadishead, and a constable rushed to the house, where they arrested Stanger in the porch. Wilson bolted from the house into a field nearby, but several villagers and policemen were hot on his track, and in a few minutes he was overtaken and surrounded. Neither of the convicts offered any resistance when being arrested.

Stanger and Wilson were taken to Leigh Police Station. The men were taken to Manchester later.

When caught, they were still dressed in prison grey and refused to give any account of their movements. Neither had had anything to eat since escaping and they were ravenously hungry.

They were apparently seen in Manchester early in the morning by a newspaper worker on his way home. His attention was attracted by the suspicious behaviour of two men and a woman standing beside a two-seater car close to Victoria Station. The men were bareheaded, wore grey suits, and had their shirts open at the neck. Hoping for a possible lift home, the newspaperman made towards the motor car but as he did so the two men jumped in hurriedly, followed by the woman, and the car, apparently driven by the woman, wheeled round and went off up a side street at a great pace. The escape will be the subject of an official inquiry.

How the men got the tool with which the cell bars were cut is unknown, but it is believed that they were aided by someone outside the prison, for it would be difficult for them to conceal in their cell for any length of time an implement capable of cutting the bars. It would be almost impossible also for them to have sealed the prison wall without a rope or ladder.

Further, kindled wisps of straw in the fire-place with the object of forcing the lad to proceed to the top.

£750,000 BUILDING IN LONDON.

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Works has now begun on the large plot of building land adjoining Baker-street Station, London. When completed, the building will include shops, flats, a public hall, restaurant, and other amenities, which it will be possible to visit without leaving the shelter of the station.

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The scheme now being carried out will, according to the architect of the Metropolitan Railway, cost approximately £750,000.

It is proposed to erect a block of seven storied buildings, he told a newspaper representative. The scheme will also include the extension of some of the station accommodation.

It is understood that the total floor space will exceed ten acres. About 200 flats are to be provided, and these will have direct communication with both the shops and the station.

Last month the vast cavity prepared for the foundations was a hive of industry.

Messrs. Higgs and Hill (Limited), who have secured the contract, anticipate that the work will occupy about two years. It will be facilitated by the fact that a railway line will be available alongside the work for the transport of materials.

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Railwaymen appear to be the thriftest of Britain's workers.

The Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, issued recently, states that during ten years the number of depositors nearly doubled and about £100 was due to each.

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In the year reviewed (1926) the number of deposits made with the Railway Savings Banks again largely increased, although the average sum deposited was slightly less than in 1924. Withdrawals increased in number but were smaller in amount. Interest on the accounts averaged 4 per cent.

In 1925 deposits exceeded withdrawals by no less than £375,000 and together with interest brought the total sum due to the railwaymen depositors to £15,043,813, or £27 8s. for each of the 154,370 members.



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THE MISSING "TIMES"
CORRESPONDENT.

NEW THEORY ABOUT MR.
RILEY.

A visitor to Shanghai from
Chengchow who was in the city at
the time of the disappearance of
Mr. F. B. Riley, London Times
correspondent, has some interest-
ing new points to add to the
mystery.

Mr. Riley, according to this in-
formant, left the house of the Bel-
gian railway officials where he was
staying at 5 o'clock in the morning
in order to keep an appointment
with Mr. Chen, local Y.M.C.A.
worker who was going to take him
to inspect a village near Cheng-
chow. The appointment was to
have been at 6 o'clock and Mr.
Riley left the house without a coat
and without a hat. According to
this information, the idea that Mr.
Riley may have taken the train out
of Chengchow is disproved, as he
was dressed too informally for a
railway journey.

Moreover, and interesting to
note, the walk through the city of
Chengchow, from the residence
where Mr. Riley was stopping to the
Y.M.C.A. building where he had his
appointment, was a matter of only
15 minutes. His disappearance
occurred during that space of time
as he did not reach his appoint-
ment. Another aspect of the case
which gives rise to a certain
amount of rumour and surmise is
the fact that Mr. Chen did not ar-
rive for the appointment, but gave
out the information that he was
indisposed.

All the Chinese in Chengchow,
according to our informant, are of
the opinion that Mr. Riley was
killed, though how, when, and
where are points not ventured for
conclusion.

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

According to a report made to
the police, motor car No. 27, driven
by a European and containing
three passengers, met with an ac-
cident on Sunday last.

At the time of the accident, the
car was on the Castle Peak Road,
going from the direction of Kow-
loon, and the Lam Kei and Nei Wai
villages.

The bursting of a rear tire
caused the car to swerve and fall
over the embankment and turn
turtle. The three occupants of
the car were thrown out but for-
tunately they were not badly in-
jured, excepting a lady passen-
ger who received a few cuts on the
shoulder.

The car sustained comparatively
little damage, the right mudguard
being torn from the body.

This morning Harbour Office
reports gave 16 arrivals and 14
departures, of which five and two
respectively were British, leaving
61 vessels in harbour, British 21.
Freights inward were low, but
through registries were heavier,
with tonnage above the average
for the past few days.

An old Chinese woman has been
found by the police in a sick and
destitute condition beside the body
of her dead son in a matchbox at
Tai Kok Tsui. The woman was
taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital
for treatment and the remains of
the son have been removed to the
Kowloon Mortuary.

Not since an enterprising firm
of New York clockmakers offered
—as an advertisement—to equip
the outstretched arm of the Statue
of Liberty with a wrist watch has
so interesting a use been found
for public statues as the one just
invented in Madras. There sev-
eral lads of the village have just
set about the stone effigy of an
Indian Mutiny General with ham-
mers and crowbars on the ground,
according to a brief telegram,
that but for the deceased officers'
activities "India would have been
free long ago." This is a much
better form of sport than just
grumbling at public statues be-
cause they are ugly or inadequate,
and it will be a brighter England
when the habit has spread to this
country. It will be exciting to see
an infuriated Protectionist taking
a running kick at the Cobden
statue in St. Anne's Square or
some last, lingering Jacobite scal-
ing the Cromwell Monument in
order to punch Oliver on the nose.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. One third. 2. The name of Spalato,
a Jug-Slavian timber-exporting port on the
Adriatic Sea. 3. Mineral oil. 4. Oskany col-
ton textiles. 5. Great Britain and the United
States of America. 6. A circular storm of
hurricane violence occurring in Australia. 7.
Los Angeles; the oil boom, real estate boom,
and cinema industry have caused an enormous
increase in population in the last ten years.
8. Cacao; by the negro cultivators of the
Gold Coast. 9. 324,000,000 cubic miles, or
about fourteen times the volume of land above
sea level. 10. An island possession of the
Crown in the Arctic Ocean; coal. 11. The Cas-
siniere, in South America; it feeds both the
Grieco and the Arino; 12. Forty-four na-
tionalities; seven to eight hours.

ARTISTS DRIVEN TO
PAVEMENT.

SAD STORY OF A GIFTED
ENGLISHMAN.

A LONDON DIALOGUE.

In the shade of the north wall
of St. Martin's Church—itsself a
work of art—an artist sat on the
pavement putting the finishing
touches to a copy of Rembrandt's
self-portrait (672) in the National
Gallery, says the Art Critic of a
London paper, and continues:

It was drawn within a lunette,
round the border of which an in-
scription referred to the great
Dutchman's death in poverty and
to the enormous prices now paid
for his work.

The copy was excellent, in every
way the work of a man who had
been trained in a school where
draughtsmanship was of the
highest importance. That was ap-
parent. But which was the
artist, who the master? To the
right of the picture I found what
was to me an unmistakable clue
in the few words written in white
pencil:

"A known artist,
Pupil of J. P. L.
Out of work."

"You studied in Paris under Jean
Paul Laurens," I said to him.
His face reddened as he an-
swered, "Ah, you recognise the
initials?"

"Yes," I said, "I also worked at
Julian's with Bouguereau and
Ferrier at the Cour du Dragon
Academy. That was in 1895-96,
before your time?"

Ruined By the War.

"I joined Jean Paul's class two
years later," replied the man.
"No, I never did black and white
work. Painting occupied all my
time. Before the War I held ex-
hibitions in Paris, New York, and
elsewhere. But in its course my
people were ruined, and ever
since I have struggled hard to
keep my head above water. But
art is still in a bad way, and about
three months ago I was forced to
the pavement. I know others who
have been similarly reduced and
glad to earn a few coppers as I
am doing."

"No, I cannot tell you my name
or anything more about myself.
Disclosure would pain my friends
and gratify my enemies. Good
day, and thank you."

I have known several other un-
commonly gifted street artists.
One who used to sit regularly not
far from Charing Cross Station
was deft-handed and an innova-
tor. He claimed to be the first of
the Flagstone School to draw still-
tomatoes, and such like things.
"Eatables are always more popu-
lar than flowers," he told me.
I was also informed of a sure
way to know a genuine pavement
artist: the right side of the nail of
his little finger was always worn
away by rubbing against the pav-
ement—unless he had just returned
from doing a month's "time."

The most tragic case I know
was that of the "Prince." By his
conferees he was regarded as a
genius. Well-educated, handsome,
and a brilliant craftsman but
tragic of purpose, this young Scot
gradually drifted to the Embank-
ment to sleep "a la belle étoile."
A wealthy man took him to his
home up the river, and he kept
straight for some months, but once
more he fell, and ultimately on a
winter night he was found dead
on a doorstep on the south side
of the Thames.

MONEY IN TINFOIL.

HOSPITALS AND "SILVER
PAPER."

The majority of London hospi-
tals now have outside the pre-
mises a large collection box for
tinfoil, into which passers-by are
asked to drop the "silver paper"
from cigarette packets, the foil
in which tobacco is packed, and
also chocolate wrappings.

This practice was first started,
I believe (says a Scotsman cor-
respondent) by the Charing Cross
Hospital, but others quickly fol-
lowed suit.

One hospital in the south-east
of London has found that the sale
of a cwt. of tinfoil brings enough
money to keep a patient for a
week, but its box must be emptied
every night for three weeks be-
fore its contents reach that weight.
Bags to pack the tinfoil are pro-
vided by smelters, who after
various processes extract the
metals which the tinfoil contains
—lead, aluminium, and tin.

It has been estimated that if
every cigarette smoker in Great
Britain were to save the pieces
in his packet, two tons of tinfoil
would be obtained daily. Dis-
carded tooth paste tubes, which
contain a certain amount of lead,
are still proving a valuable aid to
revenue at several hospitals, and
the only difficulty seems to lie in
persuading the public that empty
food tins are of no value. Quite
recently a big hospital had to pay
for the disposal of a large number
of empty tins contributed by well-
meaning but misguided persons.

BLOOD TEST FOR
PATERNITY.

AUSTRIAN PROFESSOR'S
VIEW ACCEPTED BY COURT.

An Austrian Court has accepted
a blood test as proof of paternity
in an affiliation case. A woman
named Rosea claimed for the sup-
port of her child from a man
named Siegbert, who, she said,
was the father.

He denied the charge, and the
Court called upon Professor Dr.
Reche, Vienna University, to
make an examination and apply
blood-test system, says a West-
minster Gazette correspondent.
The Professor explained that
whereas 500,000 persons might be-
long to the same blood group, it
was easy to establish close re-
lationship, such as father and son,
by a morphological and physiolo-
gical comparison.

Out of 50,000 only 10,000 would
have the same shape of head,
500 the same nose, 100 the same
ears, and 200 the same eye, while
no two would have exactly the
same lines on all the fingers and
on the palms.

Rare similarities which are
found between only closely related
persons give absolute proof of this
relationship, in the Professor's
opinion.

The Court decided to accept
this expert testimony, and or-
dered Siegbert to pay alimony.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1135 n.
Chartered Bank, \$207 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Mercantile C., \$133 n.
P. and O., \$93 b.
East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$570 a.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
North China, Tls. 143 n.
Union Ins., \$292 s.
Yangtze Ins., \$43 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$210 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$33 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$21 a.
H. K. Tugs, \$1 s.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shanghai Trans., \$2 n.
Star Ferries, \$54 s.
Waterboats, \$17 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$13 n.
Malabons, \$30 s.

Mining.

Benguets, \$170 n.
Kailans, \$8/9 b.
Langkats, Tls. \$17 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 3.15 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Raubas, \$4 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.
Ural Caspian, 5/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$115 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 142 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 92 1/2 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, 6 1/2 n.
H. K. Lands, \$56 sa.
Realtys, \$6 n.
Territorials, \$1 1/2 s.
Humphreys, \$12 1/2 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$95 b.
Rural Lands, \$1 1/2 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.65 n.
Orientals, Tls. \$1.50 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. \$47 n.
Buses, Trams.
China Buses, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Tramways, \$20 n.
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Amusements, \$192 sa.
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